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CRG: Citizens' group determined to fight cardroom

Greg Hugunin

ALBANY— At the bimonthly meeting of the Citizen's for Responsible Government board members, two men and two women sit in the dining room of Mimi Malayan's modest West Berkeley home, nibbling dried nectarines and shelled pistachios, sipping juice. The room is clean and sparsely decorated, with wood hardwood floors and a pair of small brass Hindu statuettes on a table in the corner.

On the agenda for tonight: committee reports from John Shively and CRG President David Arkin; Ely and Bob Outis, of the group's financial and legal committees, respectively, are absent; a garage sale (to raise funds for legal fees) on June 22 or 29; the David Brower event (for the same purpose) on Sept. 15 at Ashkenaz; interview with Greg "Hugunin" The Journal.

They are dressed in the nondescript style of the middle-class professional — Shively wears a blue sweater and tan pants, Malayan wears shorts, Berkeley resident Julie Miller wears jeans, Arkin a button-down shirt and khakis. They have a pleasant, unobtrusive air to them. They are quick to laugh, although the laughter seems nervous. He might not guess on first impression that these are the people who have brought the expansion of the world's biggest bookmaker in Albany to a screeching halt. They have an almost painfully average look to them, as if they could be anybody you'd find walking down the street.

There is talk of applying for grants to pay legal fees for an upcoming appeal of the Golden Gate Fields cardroom lawsuit (see accompanying article), talk of upcoming meetings, of holding a raffle at the Brower event. Malayan, a landscape architect, says she could donate a two-hour garden consulta-

tion to the pool of prizes. They answer a few questions from the reporter.

Arkin says he is aware of a couple people who will run in the upcoming City Council elections, that the cardroom will undoubtedly be an issue, that people will be held to answer. Shively points out that he requested an environmental impact report on the cardroom long before the November, 1994 election, as well as an alternative measure on the ballot. His requests, he says, were ignored. After a few more questions, 30 minutes have passed and the group moves on to legal matters. They ask, politely, for the reporter to leave.

These are the workings of the CRG.

In Albany, Berkeley and Oakland, the CRG has battled. Before the Executive Committee of the Sierra Club and at meetings of Berkeley's Page Street Neighbors, the CRG has cried corruption and foul play. In courtrooms, in newspapers and in the Berkeley City Council chambers, they have installed themselves in the middle of one of the most ferocious debates tiny Albany has ever seen. To this day there are those, both for and against the cardroom, who depart on semi-fanatical rants when that door is reopened.

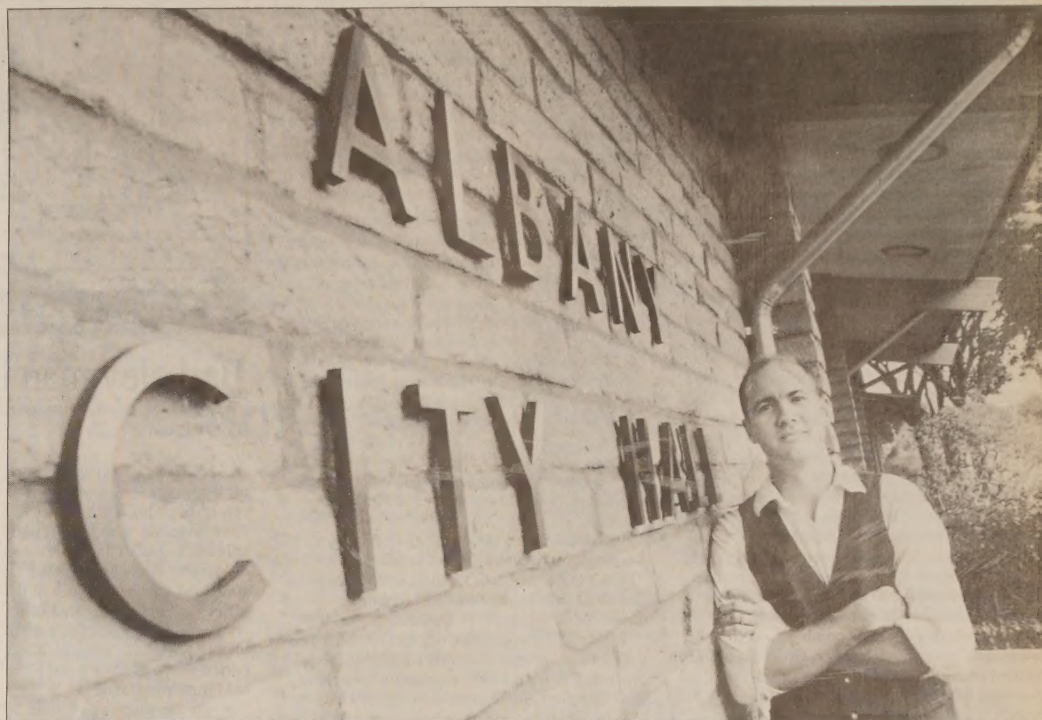
It is a battle which has as often as not turned personal, one which has opened chasms in the community that perhaps will never close.

At a point in time when the election is more than a year and a half gone and the lawsuit has become almost a permanent fixture on Albany's horizon, there seems only one question left to ask: Has there been a reason behind it all?

Who they are

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David Arkin, president of Citizens for Responsible Government, finds himself up against City Hall.

Chester King Vega

Attorney general joins CRG's cause

Cardroom opponents seek out-of town support

By Greg Hugunin

ALBANY — Move over, CRG. The big, bad state attorney general is coming to bed.

In a surprise move which coincides with the filing of the first appeal in the Golden Gate Fields cardroom lawsuit, the Citizens for Responsible Government has received an advisory, friend of the court brief from the office of Dan Lungren, the state attorney general.

The brief is apparently only one of a number which the citi-

zens' group has obtained in support of its fight against Ladbroke Racing's plan to build a 150-table, 24-hour cardroom at Golden Gate Fields. According to CRG president David Arkin, the group will also receive briefs from David Brower's Earth Island Action Group, the group Architects, Designers and Planners for Social Responsibility, the Berkeley Residents for Neighborhood Concerns (a spinoff from the Page Street Neighbors), and a trio of Bay Area cities — Sausalito, Mountain View and Tiburon — which have signed on to

a brief filed by the City of Berkeley. Apparently not wishing to be left out of the amicus frenzy, Albany has sent out requests to more than 100 cities across the state asking them to sign on to separate brief in support of its pro-cardroom position. According to city attorney Robert Zweben, both Los Altos and Sunnyvale have already signed on to a brief which will be prepared by the well-known environmental law firm Remy, Thomas and Moose.

News of the briefs came on the evening of July 9, the same day CRG attorney Bob Outis filed the

first portion of an appeal of the lawsuit. Albany has 30 days to respond to the appeal, with an additional 15-day grace period. Although there are those who would debate the effectiveness of an amicus brief in swaying the appellate court's decision, both sides seem to be pulling them in as fast as they can.

"We anticipate (the amicus brief) will help greatly toward a decision in our favor," said Arkin of the attorney general's

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It's for the birds



Chester King Vega

Odd I-80 barrier prompts queries

ALBANY—Despite appearances, Caltrans is not resorting to constructing the I-80 Buchanan Street Interchange out of wood. Instead, the towering wooden shafts are being used to hold heavy blankets intended to protect wildlife from construction noise.

"It's just a big sound blanket that helps protect migratory birds there in the marshland. It's part of our efforts to protect the environment," Caltrans spokesperson Reza Sirafinejad said.

The blankets are the first of their kind to be used in the massive I-80 widening project and were required as part of the mitigations Caltrans must follow to offset environmental impacts resulting from construction. Sirafinejad said the structures

have been used on other projects around the state, but were not required on the Emeryville portion of the project, which also fronts a marshland.

"I'm not 100 percent sure why we were not made to put up sound wall blankets in that area. It may be because we're not doing as much pile driving in that area," he said.

Still, the odd looking walls fronting the waterfront near Golden Gate Fields have prompted questions by some.

"It's caused some concern for some people who wonder if we're constructing the freeway out of wood. We've had some calls," Sirafinejad said,

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Multi-screen theater's effect on property values debated

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — The effect of the proposed Del Norte theater project on local property values remains a live issue in El Cerrito. Several neighbors opposed to the construction of a large theater at the Del Norte BART station raised the issue of property values in early discussions of the proposal. Nearby resident and neighborhood organizer Peter Loubal continues to raise the question in regular comments to the El Cerrito City Council.

In his comments, Loubal has twice referred to statements from Yovino-Young, Inc., a Berkeley-based realtor, as evidence for his belief that property values would decline if the multi-screen theater is constructed.

According to Loubal, a restricted report on a specific property in the Del Norte neighborhood indicates that the possibility a theater might be constructed in close proximity "is beginning to have a negative affect on the local real estate market."

Loubal said the report refers specifically to impacts from the expected influx of traffic, from congestion to noise. The report also refers to "expressed fears" of neighbors concerning project impacts, he said.

In addition, he said, the report indicates a soft buyer demand in El Cerrito in general.

Loubal believes he has the right to make statements from the restricted report public, as long as he refrains from disclosing the actual appraised value of the property.

In response to Loubal's public statements, a city staff member contacted the company and received a letter from Michael Yovino-Young "re: negative impact on residential properties in vicinity of proposed multi-screen theater at Del Norte station."

In his letter, Yovino-Young said he was not personally acquainted with Loubal but that an associate appraiser of the firm had been assigned to do an appraisal of the property in question for Loubal's wife, Rosemary Bowser. Loubal was present at the property

during the inspection.

According to Yovino-Young, the agent was "somewhat overwhelmed by Mr. Loubal's persistence and claims of diminution caused by this proposal."

Yovino-Young said the report does include the statement: "While the 'mega theater' is in the proposal stages the possibility of its 'coming to fruition' is beginning to have a negative effect on the local real estate market. Property owners have expressed fears, and some have put their homes on the market, in anticipation of a decline in values."

Yovino-Young went on to say, though, that "the appraiser now realizes that virtually all the basis for this conclusion came from Mr. Loubal himself...."

The agent, according to Yovino-Young, "now concludes he was overly influenced by Mr. Loubal and realizes that the emphasis implied in his comment... was really an attempt to respond to the client's obvious concern."

The statement was never intended to be quoted publicly, since it was part of "a privileged document, contained in a Restricted Appraisal Report, not intended for third party distribution," he went on to say.

As far as the specific property is concerned, Yovino-Young also said there were other problems affecting its appraisal, including several physical problems and

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■ Letters to the Editor

Cardroom crime is not a myth

Editor:

I must respond to the letter to your paper written recently by David Greer, "Cardroom Crime a Myth." (June 20) Either Mr. Greer bumped his head when giving the impression that card rooms and crime don't go hand in hand, or he is just totally ignorant of the facts of long-term exposure a community will have to gambling.

Casino San Pablo has only been open for less than six months and already we are seeing growing signs of increased crime in and around the facility. We have experienced a growing number of nearby businesses complaining of increased car breakins, loitering, tagging of buildings, and general local disturbances. These businesses have requested a police substation for the casino's immediate neighborhood.

The period of time has been too short to fully gauge the long-term problems associated with organized crime and the resurgence of local gang activity.

The San Pablo Police Department even admits to the incidence of credit card fraud, assaults, loan sharking and general disorderly conduct. Casino San Pablo's own security chief, James Hahn, states, "As long as you have large numbers of people gathering you're going to have disturbances, people brandishing weapons and credit card fraud." And San Pablo Police Officers have experienced new types of crime: follow-home robberies, loan sharking and illegal betting.

Looking to the long-range potential for crime, problems of increased crime at the Bay 101 Club in San Jose are well-documented. The police department compared reported incidents in the vicinity of Bay 101 for the year prior to its opening (Sept. 1993-Aug. 1994) with its first year in operation. The results of increased crime types are shown as follows: narcotics, 200 percent increase; traffic accidents, 55 percent increase; property crimes, 83 percent increase; petty theft, 50 percent increase; simple assaults, 25 percent increase; auto thefts, 21 percent increase; disorderly conduct, 80 percent increase.

Just think, this could be coming soon to a community near you. I feel Mr. Greer should get a reality check instead of trying to soften the problems with gambling, and trying to justify his greed.

Bob Sullivan
San Pablo

Coverage appreciated

Editor:

I greatly appreciated Annalee Allen's story, "Stepping Back in Time," on the old Navellier property in El Cerrito. When I first discovered the old house and orchard, I was struck by them as a precious remnant of the past, but I knew nothing of their history until this week. Perhaps we could have more of such stories.

Thank you, too, for publishing Dawn Frasier's excellent coverage of such civic events as the City Council meetings and the hearings on the South Gateway area. Her stories are models of accuracy.

Grace Buzaljko
El Cerrito

Those were the days

Editor:

I would like to share the following poem: "Those Were the Days" Once upon the times, Under the moon and stars, We would venture forth To explore the neighborhood. (A double-dare to do it now!)

Charles Keppel
Albany

Don't neglect the flag

Editor:

It is 10:30 p.m., Sunday night, June 16. As I write this letter, I look out of my dining room window to our flag, which is blowing briskly, as it has, continually, since Friday, June 7. Has anyone else noticed that the flag is being neglected around our city? Unless they have changed the rules somewhere along the way, it is my understanding that unless the flag is directly illuminated (as the flag visible from the Buchanan Street off-ramp is), it should be taken in sometime before dusk.

The particular flag I am referring to is on Key Route Boulevard at Solano Avenue. I do not

believe that the multi-colored torch at the Shrine of Freedom constitutes illumination. The flag in front of the senior center on Masonic also gets left out. The Key Route flag used to be brought in quite regularly between 3 and 4 p.m. everyday. Then, a couple of months ago, I began to notice that it would occasionally be left out. Sometimes overnight, sometimes through the weekend. It's been happening more in recent weeks, and now this nine-day run. Something is amiss.

I would like an explanation. If this is some kind of cost-cutting measure, it is coming from the wrong quarter. If it is, somehow, just repeated oversight, then shame on the powers that be.

I am no super-patriot nor "stuff-disturber," and frankly, I am a little surprised that this should bother me so, but I know that when I arrive home from work at 3 a.m. and still see the flag flying in the dark that it just isn't right.

David Arroyo
Albany

Not necessarily for a good cause

Editor:

Every four weeks, an organization called the United Cancer Research Society (UCRS) leaves green bags all over this area asking for household donations to be picked up each Friday by "unmarked trucks."

For three years now I have investigated this agency that the Better Business Bureau (BBB) says keeps from 54 percent to 85 percent of the money they raise. They have not even complied with the BBB for their financial statements. I have talked to a Kip Sturgen at the United Cancer Research Society three times by phone and received two mailings. The 15 pages they sent me ask me for money and never once mention how much they raise or how much goes for cancer research.

I have contacted the Attorney General's Registry of Charitable Trusts in Sacramento, and "7 On Your Side," KGO, BBB, West County Times, El Cerrito police and El Cerrito government.

I feel very strongly that our local agencies have a duty to tell everyone in this area, by the local press or TV, what I have repeatedly brought to their attention. Some other state agency may be able to put an end to this organization as was done with organizations that have raised some money for police and firemen keeping most of the money for themselves.

All the homes I contacted on June 14 took in their filled bags when they heard what the BBB had said about this organization. If this information could get out to people in this area, I am sure that they would call the Salvation Army or the Richmond Rescue Mission rather than have their donations be trucked off to Stockton.

For three long years I have not been able to learn how much, if any of the money the UCRS raises, goes to cancer research. I would greatly appreciate your assistance in getting the word out.

Fred Fogg
El Cerrito

Negative impacts

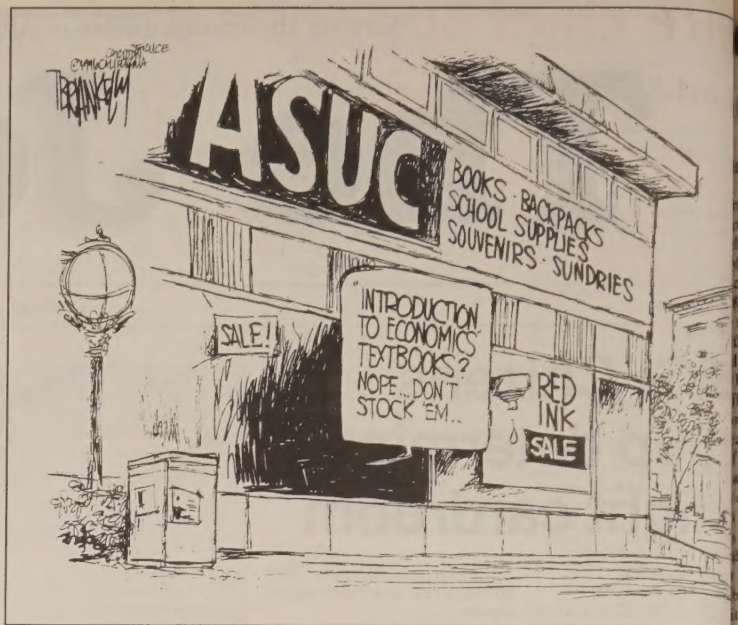
Editor:

In response to the June 20 article about the draft negative declaration for the proposed Albany Middle School, I wish to make the following observations:

- Their traffic study assumes that there would be a peak hour increase of 135 vehicles (p.29) for the 750-student school (which will be located in the northernmost edge of Albany), even though their survey of the current school (p. 28) counted 245 of 611 (40 percent) students of a smaller student body arriving by car. The nearest bus route to the new school (No. 67) is about two blocks away and runs infrequently.

- The access to Cougar Field, which is used for sports and P.E. events by Albany High, is being moved from Brighton Avenue to Spokane Avenue. Its new location and the narrowness of the sidewalks will naturally encourage students walking twice a day between the field and the high school to cross Spokane (and the Rogers property at Spokane and Brighton) diagonally to get to Brighton. Because this occurs just after a small zigzag where the street crosses the city line, cars and pedestrians are somewhat hidden from each other and increases the likelihood of a tragedy where a student hurrying back to school jumps out into the street without looking.

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■ Police Reports

Berkeley man injured resisting arrest in Albany

By K. Osborn

ALBANY — On the afternoon of July 1 a Berkeley man was contacted on the 800 block of San Pablo Avenue who was reportedly intoxicated. The man resisted officers at the scene causing an abrasion to the neck of one of the officers. He again resisted officers during booking and refused to identify himself. He was transported to the Berkeley jail to be held for a court date.

- On the morning of June 29 thieves broke into a garage on the 1000 block of Peralta Avenue, stole a bicycle and departed unseen.

- On the night of July 1 Albany officers noticed a 1979 Dodge pick-up parked on the 500 block of San Pablo Avenue with expired registration (1994). A check revealed nine unpaid parking citations and the pick-up was towed.

- Just after midnight on July 5 Albany officers stopped an Albany man driving an 1984 BMW for a minor vehicle code violation and noticed a buck knife along side of the console. The knife was confiscated and the man was arrested and processed without incident. Officers found that the se-

rial number of the car had been removed and they had it towed.

- On the evening of July 1 vandals threw bacon and a white chalky mixture onto a Porsche parked on the 500 block of Curtis Street. There were no witnesses.

- On the morning of July 3 a woman on the 900 block of Ventura Street called for a taxi. When the taxi arrived a taxi from another company also arrived and blocked the first taxi. The second taxi attempted to get the woman to take his taxi instead of the one she had called. She was eventually able to get in the taxi she had called and departed.

- On the afternoon of July 3 a woman on the 1500 block of Posen Street observed three Albany boys, ages seven, eight and nine, stealing rocks from her garden. Officers responded, admonished the boys and transported them to their homes.

- On the morning of July 4 a man, described as a white male adult driving a white jeep, threatened an employee of a cinema on Solano Avenue with a baseball bat. The man then hit a vehicle with the bat and departed. Officers are investigating.

- There were several incidences

of people setting off fireworks in their yards on July 4. No one was injured.

- On the afternoon of July 1 officers contacted a man who was asleep inside a pizza restaurant on the 900 block of San Pablo Avenue and found him to be intoxicated and passed out. He was transported to the Albany station booked and released when sober.

- On the morning of July 1 the owner of a piano store on the 1000 block of San Pablo Avenue covered that vandals had broken the front window of his store and were no witnesses.

- On the afternoon of July 1 two juveniles were seen climbing through a window of a residence on the 1100 block of San Pablo Avenue. Upon investigation officers learned that the boys were entering their own house by climbing the window to the door.

- During the week of July 1 Albany officers fingerprinted five people at their request towed four cars, responded to 28 false alarms, attended to lost, injured or deceased animals, assisted seven people who were locked out of their homes or car and responded to reports of barking dogs.

Der Wienerschnitzel robbed at gunpoint in Berkeley

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — An armed robbery was reported at Der Wienerschnitzel. The thief entered the business, then made cash demands at gunpoint and placed the cash obtained in a red tool box. The suspect is described as a black male, 19 or 20 years of age, about 6' in height and 185 pounds, wearing black jeans, along black denim shirt, and a beard but no mustache; the suspect fled westbound on Madison.

- June's Place, a beauty salon, was burglarized during the night of July 5; miscellaneous change was taken.

- A Richmond woman was arrested at Kragen Auto at about 10:06 p.m. June 23; she is accused of pushing keyboards off the counter after an argument.

- A case of prowling was reported in the 6200 block of Cypress Avenue at about 4:50 p.m. June 26; two suspects were seen jumping a residential fence on the block.

- Leaves and pine needles caught on fire at about 4:51 p.m. June 25 at Tassajara Park. A male juvenile was seen throwing a match to the ground.

- Six arrests were made for driving under the influence: a Hercules man and a San Pablo man in the 1600 block of Eastshore Drive at 1:45 a.m. June 26, a Richmond man at San Pablo and Cutting at 2:55 a.m. June 28, a Point Richmond man at Arlington and Rifle Range Road at 7:35 p.m. June 30, an Albany man at San Pablo Avenue and Waldo at 12:50 a.m. July 2, and a Richmond man at Carlson and El Dorado at 7:24 p.m. July 4.

- Two attempted residential burglaries were reported. In the 200 block of Behrens, someone

attempted to pry open the top of a garage door during the night of June 19. In the 400 block of Kearney, someone knocked on the door; when there was no answer, he attempted entry. The victim scared off the male suspect; the incident occurred at about 11 a.m. July 5.

- Mail was taken from a mailbox in the 7100 block of Blake Street on the morning of June 11; two written checks were among the pieces of mail stolen. Mail was taken from a box in the 1400 block of Richmond Street June 4 or June 5; a check that was in the box was altered and cashed.

- A diaper bag and purse were taken from Chuck E. Cheese between 11:15 a.m. and 11:24 a.m. June 24. A purse was taken from an unattended shopping cart at Lucky, El Cerrito Plaza between noon and 12:10 p.m. July 2.

- Hoses were reported taken from a front yard in the 6400 block of Lagunitas during the night of June 29. A ring was lost or stolen from a home in the 2600 block of Francisco; the incident was reported at about 8:30 a.m. July 2.

- A check book and cash were reported stolen from a home in the 1000 block of Everett Street between May 27 and 28.

- Someone attempted to steal a 1994 Chevy Astro at El Cerrito Plaza during the daytime June 28.

- A Richmond man was arrested for possession of a motorcycle without a VIN number or a license plate. The arrest was made in the 1700 block of Eastshore Boulevard at 1:45 a.m. June 26.

- Six property thefts from vehicles were reported. Toys were taken from a vehicle parked in the 1600 block of Kearney between June 27 and 28. A cellular phone, CD player and case, and CDs were taken from a car parked in the

2500 block of Tulare at 12:50 p.m. June 26.

- A vehicle parked at El Cerrito Plaza was burglarized between 6:10 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. June 24; a cellular phone and gear knob were taken.

- Miscellaneous items were taken from vehicles parked in the block of Yosemite Avenue at a.m. July 2 and the 1300 block of Devonshire Court between 24 and 27.

- An oil dipstick and front ornament were taken from a vehicle parked at Central Avenue and Richmond Street during the night of July 2.

- A vehicle parked in the block of Tulare Avenue was glarized on the morning of June 24; the glovebox and ashtray were ransacked, but nothing was taken.

- A vehicle window was smashed in the 500 block of Street during the night of June 24; a vehicle's doors were scratched in the 10700 block of San Pablo Avenue on the morning of June 24.

- Rocks were thrown at a residence under construction in the 1400 block of Rifle Range Road between June 28 and 30.

- A male juvenile (a resident of Berkeley) was arrested for disturbing the Emporium wall with graffiti at about 4:20 p.m. June 24.

- A FoodsCo employee was arrested for embezzlement. The employee is accused of pocketing money from a customer transaction.

- Four cases of domestic violence and three other domestic incidents were reported.

- Shoplifters were arrested at Pastime Hardware (an Oakland man), at FoodsCo (a Richmond male juvenile), and at Target (an El Cerrito woman and a Richmond woman).

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Police chief supports junk gun ban

National Rifle Association insists cities have no right to regulate

arc Breindel

ing "junk guns" will reduce and accidental death rates, Police Chief Dash Butler Monday as Berkeley and 14 cities announced plans to rid the corridor of so-called "Saturday night specials."

ers said many crimes are committed with low quality firearms, because the perpetrators can afford more expensive weapons because they prefer guns and dispose of without regret. "You're gonna use a gun just and toss it, you're not gonna away your \$500 or \$600 Colt, and Wesson, Sig/Sauer or Ruger," Butler said. "If it's thing that you know your sole is to get this gun and hurt body or commit a crime and you're gonna get a junk

er said junk guns pose what an even greater threat in the of accidental discharges. Guns often fail the "drop test, meaning they may fire dropped.

ou drop that thing with one the hammer, it's got a float-re pin, and that thing goes Butler elaborated. "If it hits own that thing's liable to come and put a bullet right in your ch, right in your chest, right head."

nk guns also have a tendency to

they're low quality alloy," explained, "so you use a m, maybe a round that was tolerance than the gun can and. It blows up in your face, be blinded."

ap guns have threatened puberty for at least a century," said.

accidental discharges probably more people in the Old West gunfights or violence, total," guessed.

usual suspects

ational Rifle Association representative Ed Worley criticized the

'Accidental discharges probably killed more people in the Old West than gunfights or violence, total.'

— BERKELEY POLICE CHIEF DASH BUTLER

ban as soft-headed political grandstanding. It's difficult to define junk guns, Worley said, and beyond cities' jurisdiction to regulate their sale.

"This is all smoke and mirrors," Worley said. "They didn't ban a thing. It's comical."

West Hollywood was the first California city to ban junk guns in a law that is now under assault by the NRA. Legal Community Against Violence — a group that helps defend city gun control laws pro bono — is confident West Hollywood's law will stand, and Worley is just as certain it will fail.

Worley attributed the move against junk guns to "political correctness." He then went on to de-

fend the right of the poor, especially poor blacks, to purchase inexpensive firearms.

Worley cited a Tennessee gun control law passed by white supremacists in 1870 that denied blacks the ability to arm themselves for defense, according to NRA literature.

The U.S. Congress once condemned similar efforts by whites to search the homes of blacks and remove their firearms by force.

Worley recommended focusing law enforcement resources on pursuing black-market dealers. He applauded President Clinton's new initiative to hunt down people who sell guns to minors, but he doubted many cities would take similar mea-

asures.

"To do that takes a lot of moral commitment," Worley said. "Do you see that coming from city leaders?"

Mayor Dean has, in fact, asked Clinton to include the I-80 corridor in his new gun-tracking drive, an action Worley commended.

Councilmember Betty Olds laughed off the NRA's taunts at Monday's press conference.

"One place that the National Rifle Association doesn't waste any money on with lobbying is the city of Berkeley," Olds said, "maybe because they know we can never get consensus on any item. But this is one we do have consensus on, and we're going to move ahead."

El Cerrito Mayor Cathie Kosel also had words for the NRA:

"It's always been my understanding that the right to "bear" arms meant that you can walk around in a shirt without sleeves," Kosel said. "So what's the big deal?"

Church wins eviction battle

By Will Harper

A disabled activist faces eviction from his home of 20 years, which he worked to have designated a city landmark, after a judge ruled that a Berkeley church has a right to go out of the rental business.

Michael Pachovas must move out of his apartment at 2419 Haste St. within the next week unless he's granted a last minute reprieve from the court. Pachovas, a realtor who uses a wheelchair, said he has yet to find a new place to live.

"I'm not sure where I'm going to move," Pachovas said. "I don't think the judge is well-rooted in how difficult it is to find accessible housing in Berkeley."

On July 2, Berkeley-Albany Municipal Court Judge Carol

Brosnahan granted the First Presbyterian Church of Berkeley's request for permission to evict Pachovas.



Pachovas

Brosnahan made her decision after the city attorney acknowledged that a local law conflicted with the state's Ellis Act granting landlords an unqualified right to go out of business.

"My ruling was based on the fact that he (Pachovas) was relying on an ordinance the city said it would be repealing," Brosnahan told The Voice.

Brosnahan also denied Pachovas's request to delay the eviction while he filed an appeal and ruled that the church was eligible to recover attorney's fees.

Susan Luten, the church's attorney, said her fees and costs in the case totalled \$9,500. Becky O'Malley, a supporter of Pachovas at the court hearing, called the judge's decision "reprehensible."

At press time, Pachovas was going to ask Brosnahan for a 60-day grace period while he looks for another place to live. Luten said the church would contest any request to delay the eviction.

Church director LaVonne Nicolls said the church has tried to negotiate a settlement with Pachovas for more than a year without success.

"The law says we can have our property back. That's all we've ever wanted and all we ever asked for," Nicolls said. "We've made extremely generous settlements with the other tenants but he (Pachovas) has refused every offer we've made."

Last year the southside church applied to the city to obtain a permit to demolish the adjacent apartment building in order to expand its administrative and social services. Later, Pachovas successfully worked to have the building designated a landmark, throwing a wrench into the church's demolition plans.

Court records say the church notified Pachovas that it intended to go out of the rental business un-

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Shattuck Avenue prepped for road work



Mike Fitelson

Gallagher & Burke employees Joel Garcia and Jose Delgado begin what will be a two-month long construction project along Shattuck Avenue.

Let the repairs begin

Three street repair projects scattered throughout Berkeley began this week and are expected to cause major and minor traffic impacts before concluding in September.

The most visible construction will be along Shattuck Avenue from University Avenue to Rose Street which will be resurfaced between July 15 and Sept. 13. During construction, Shattuck Avenue will be confined to single lane two-way traffic.

The project will be broken up into phases tentatively scheduled as follows:

- The west side of Shattuck between University and Hearst avenues and between Vine and Rose streets will be reconstructed from July 15 to Aug. 2 and repaved on Aug. 22 and 23.
- The east side of Shattuck Avenue between University and Hearst avenues and between Rose and Vine streets will be reconstructed and repaved from Aug. 2 to Aug. 23.
- The west side of Shattuck Avenue between Hearst Avenue and Vine Street will be repaved from Sept. 3 through 6.
- The east side of Shattuck Avenue between Hearst Avenue and Vine Street will be repaved from Sept. 9 to 13.

Following the work on Shattuck Avenue, Hearst Avenue between Milvia and Sacramento streets will be repaved, beginning Sept. 23 and finishing Oct. 24.

The other work around the city includes sections of The Alameda and Warring Street around the university.

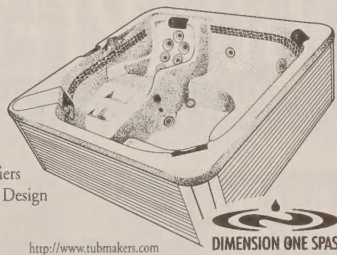
The \$4.1 million price tag for all the projects was funded by a federal grant, a state gas tax, a county bond measure, and \$1.75 million from the general fund.

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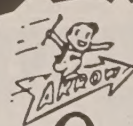
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Avatar Toastmasters. Thursdays: Public Speaking Skills and metaphysics come together. 2515 Hillegas and Dwight, Berkeley, at 6:15 p.m., 643-7645, 848-6510.

Barnes & Noble, 2352 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley. July 11: Helen M. Fisher will read and talk about *From Erin with Love: Knowledge of Life After Death* at 7:30 p.m.

Bananas, Child Care Information and Referral and Parent Support, 5232 Claremont Ave., Oakland. 658-1409. July 16: workshop titled *Living With Ones and Twos* from 7-8:30 p.m. Preregistration required.

Berkeley Architectural Heritage Association. July 11: An illustrated talk by Susan Cerny on *The Work of Henry H. Gutterer*. 8 p.m. at the Foulds House, 1600 Euclid Avenue (at Cedar). \$10. 841-2242.

Berkeley Lawn Bowling Club is open daily 9:30-3:30 except Monday and Thursday. Free instruction is available each Wednesday and Saturday 10 a.m. - noon. 841-2174.

Berkeley Farmers' Market, Saturdays at Center St. at MLK Jr. Way. **Berkeley Hiking Club**. July 14-19: South Lake Tahoe. 843-3354.

Berkeley Public Library. July 12 at the West Branch, 1125 University Ave.: Religion and Spirituality in the Black Community, a Forum at 7 p.m. Free. Wednesdays, through July 30 at the Central Branch, 2090 Kittredge: Twilight Storytime at 7 p.m. 649-3943.

Berkeley Macintosh Users Group (the world's largest), offers free Mac classes to the public every Tuesday, 7-10 p.m. 549-2684.

Black Oak Books, 1491 Shattuck Avenue at Vine, Berkeley. All events are free and at 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise listed. July 16: Stephen L. Buchman and Gary Paul Nabhan talk about their book *The Forgotten Pollinators*. July 18: Deirdre Bair, author of *Anais Nin*.

Candlelight Ballroom, 813 San Pablo Ave. (near Solano), Albany. July 13: Swing dance party with Ryan Francois. Dance Lesson 7:30-8:30, Dance 8:30-10:30 p.m. Dance \$5, Dance and Lesson \$8. 452-2008.

CityRock Rock climbing, 1250 45th

St., Emeryville. 654-2510. Children's Rock Climbing Summer Day Camps: Through July 12: Ages 8-10 years, from 2-5 p.m. Ages 11-13 years, from 9 a.m.-12 noon. July 15-19: Advanced Camp from 2 to 5 p.m.

Contra Costa Hills Club. July 14: See new Colma BART station on Cemetery Walk at 10 a.m. 647-0594.

Easy Going Travel Shop and Bookstore at 1385 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 843-3533. All events at 7:30. July 14: Berkeley Foothills Walking Tour from 1 to 4 p.m. \$12. July 18: packing demonstration. July 10: Global Exchange: Travel to Cuba.

East Bay Depot for Creative Reuse, 6713 San Pablo Ave., Oakland. 655-6628. Trash to Treasure junk art competition. Winners to be picked July 15.

East Bay Skeptics Society. July 12: The Placebo Effect, a slide lecture and discussion by Gerben Ter Riet, MD at 8 p.m. at 159 Mulford Hall, U.C. Berkeley. Free. 420-0702.

Ecology Center, 2530 San Pablo Ave. (at corner of Blake), Berkeley. July 13: Co-Creative Gardening from 12:30-2:30 p.m. \$4 members \$5 nonmembers. 548-2220.

The El Cerrito Community Center at 7007 Moers Ln., El Cerrito. 215-4371. July 13 to August 17: Bridge classes, \$30 preregistration required. 10 a.m. to noon. 233-5401. Through July 19: Salsa Dance Classes at the Skylight room of the E.C. Community center. O'clock: Beginners, 8-9 Intermediate. \$20 per month, \$7 drop-in. Through July 19: Beginning Ballroom Dancing at the Skylight room. No partner needed. O'clock: 10 a.m. to 12 noon. July 27, August 17: Hand and Foot Reflexology from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. \$15. Through July 18: Acupressure for health and enjoyment from 7 to 9 p.m. August 3: How to Avoid Dishonest Mechanics, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. \$20.

Ernest Orlando Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory. The following lectures will be held on Wednesdays from noon to 1 p.m. in the Building 50 Auditorium: July 17: The Year 2000 and Beyond in Large Scale Scientific Computing by William McCurdy, Computing Sciences.

Finnish Hall, 1819, 10th St. and Hearst, is offering art classes to children of all ages. Also classes for adults. 528-9090.

Grizzly Peak Flyfishers. Tonight: July meeting at Kensington Youth Hut, 59 Arlington Ave. (near Library), Kensington. \$5. 530-6489.

International Folk Dance Classes meet Fridays from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. at the Albany YMCA, 921 Kains, \$3. 547-6355 or 769-9759.

International House, 2299 Piedmont Ave., Berkeley. 642-9490. July 11: Barbecue lunch in the Dining Hall from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. \$5 to the public. July 15: Merenque dance lesson in the Auditorium from 9-10 p.m., followed by open dance until 11 p.m. Free to I-House members, \$3 to the public. July 17: Salsa dance lesson from 9-10 p.m., followed

by hour-long, open dance. Free to I-House members, \$3 to the public. July 18: Songs from the Golden Gate—Tim Dawe in the Home Room at 8 p.m. Free to I-House members; \$3 to the public.

Israeli folk dancing 8 to midnight Wednesdays at El Cerrito Veterans Building, 6401 Stockton, El Cerrito. 231-0959.

Kenpo Karate Studio. July 13: Karate Tournament at Albany High School starting at 10 a.m. Spectators: Adults \$6, children \$3, under 5 years free. 285-6787.

Kensington 55-plus Activity Center, open Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave., Kensington. 526-9146. Free Blood Pressure Check, 9:30 - 11 a.m. July 11: Louise Le Cam of the Lindsay Museum in Walnut Creek, brings wild birds and small animals and slides, at 11 a.m.

KPFA Radio. July 18: Holistic Health at 11 a.m.

La Pena Cultural Center, 1305 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 849-2568. July 17: John Hurl of Northern Ireland's National Liberation Party will speak.

Lawrence Hall of Science, Centennial Drive, below Grizzly Peak. 642-5132. Through Sept. 8: K'NEXExploration, a program inspired by the Lego-like commercial product K'NEX, features huge building blocks and structures, and, through various activities, teaches kids basic concepts about construction. Daily, through July 14: *Stonehenge* (1 p.m.) *Colors from Space* (2:15 p.m.) and *Constellations Tonight* (3:30 p.m.). Through August 7: Family activities and entertainment each Wednesday afternoon. July 17: Bubble Festival from 12 noon-2 p.m.

Nautilus Institute, 1831 Second St., Berkeley. 204-9296. July 11: "U.S.-North Korean Relations and Northeast Asian Security," with Peter Hayes, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Please RSVP.

North Berkeley Senior Center at 1901 Hearst/MLK Jr. Way. 644-6107. Health Insurance Counseling on first and third Wednesdays every month.

Argentina Tango, every Thursday 2-3 p.m. Ballroom Lessons every Monday 1:15 p.m. July 11: Travel Video, "Czechoslovakia" at 1 p.m. July 12: Video Opera: "Rigoletto" at 1 p.m. Argentina Tango every Thursday 2-3 p.m. **Nyingma Institute**, 1815 Highland Place Berkeley. 843-6812. July 14: Buddhist Philosophy: "Who Was the Buddha?"

The Other Change of Hobbit, 2020 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley. 94704-1117. July 12: Kim Stanley Robinson, author of *Blue Mars*, from 6 to 8 p.m. July 14: Richard A. Lupoff, author of *BEFORE*, 12:01... AND AFTER, from 2 to 4 p.m. The illustrator of the book, George Barr, will also attend.

Pacific Film Archive, at 2625 Durant Ave., Berkeley. 642-1412. "Illuminating Ingmar Bergman." July 11: *The Seventh Seal* at 7 p.m. *Wild Strawberries* at 8:50 p.m. July 18: *Through a Glass Darkly* (1961) at 7 p.m. *Persona* (1966) at 8:45.

July 16: Video Art from Argentina, Brazil and Chile starting at 7:30 p.m. July 17: *Babo 7*, plus *Eternal Frame* starting at 7:30. *The Werewolf of Washington* at 9:20.

REI, 1338 San Pablo Avenue, Berkeley. Preregister for REI Indoor Climbing School, \$40 members, \$70 non members. 527-4140. July 11: Around the World by Pedal Boat, Bicycle and In-line Skates with Jason Lewis and Steve Smith at 7 p.m. July 18: Gourmet Cooking in The Outdoors, The Easy Way at 7 p.m.

Starry Plough Restaurant and Pub, 3101 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 841-2082. July 14: Benefit for the H Block 4, Music and speakers from 3 to 8 p.m. \$5-\$10.

University YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. 848-6370. Drop-in support groups for job seekers and career changers meet Monday mornings 10 to 12 noon and Tuesday evenings 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. \$5 members 10\$ nonmembers.

Performances

Actors Ensemble of Berkeley. Fridays and Saturdays July 12-Aug. 8: *A Chorus of Disapproval* at 8 p.m. \$8 528-5620.

Ashkenaz, 1317 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. 525-5054. July 11: Western Swing lesson at 8 p.m. Lost Weekend at 9 p.m. \$7. July 12: Entre Nos w/ floorshow by Aquarela at 9:30 p.m. \$8. July 13: members of Zango play at 8 p.m. Hungarian folkdance lesson at 9 p.m. Dance party at 10 p.m. \$10. July 14: Dick Oxtot's Golden Age Jazz Band from 4-6 p.m. \$7. Flamenco Open Stage at 8 p.m. \$6. July 16: Balkan Folkdance lesson at 8 p.m. Dance party to recordings at 9:30. \$4. July 17: Cajun dance lesson at 8 p.m. Zydeco Slim at 9 p.m. \$5. July 18: Burst at 9 p.m. \$5.

Azlan Records. July 12: Orix at Berkeley Square (La Rockola) at 9:30 p.m. \$10. 238-9370. 415-821-7559.

Contra Costa Civic Theatre. Through August 10: Seven Brides for Seven Brothers. 8 p.m. Fri/Sat 2 p.m. Sun. \$12 adults \$6 youth. 524-9132.

Freight and Salvage, 1111 Addison St., Berkeley. 548-1761. Music at 8 p.m. Sun.-Thurs. and 8:30 p.m. Fri., Sat. July 11: Mary McCaslin, Jon Wilcox. \$9.50/\$10.50. July 12: Laurie Lewis and Grant Street \$12.50/\$13.50. July 13: Vicki Randle and Danny Heines \$10.50/\$11.50. July 14: Radim Zenkl, Steve Kaufman \$10.50/\$11.50. July 17: Tanya Savory, Karen Stern, Steve Kritzer \$8.50/\$9.50. July 18: Boyz Nite Out, Apex \$8.50/\$9.50.

La Pena Cultural Center, 1305 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 849-2568. July 11, 12: Benefit readings of "Pieces of the Quilt" at 8 p.m. \$6-\$8. July 13: Oriente at 8:30 p.m. \$8. July 18: Dramatic/Comedic monologues by Los Dos at 8 p.m. \$5.

Maybeck Recital Hall, 1537 Euclid Ave., Berkeley. 848-3228. July 14: Ricardo Peixoto-Peter Barshay Brazilian Jazz Quartet. \$20.

Red Cafe, 1941 University Ave., Berkeley. 843-8607. All performances

at 8:30 p.m. No cover charge. Every Tuesday night: Steve Packenham and friends.

Starry Plough Restaurant and Pub, 3101 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 841-2082. Music starts at 9:45 Fri. and Sat/9:30 on Thurs. July 11: The Apples in Stereo, Dreamland. \$5. July 12: Liquid Sunshine, Soul Divine. \$5. July 13: REDMEAT, Jim Campilongo and the 10 Gallon Cats. July 14: Benefit for the H Block 4, music and speakers from 3 to 8 p.m. \$5-\$10. \$5. July 17: The Doolies. The Roustabouts. July 18: Thoth, Enna Deer Band. \$4.

Religious activities

Berkeley Fellowship of Unitarian Universalists, 1606 Bonita Street (at Cedar), Berkeley. 841-4824. July 14: "Freedom of Association," a look at James Luther Adams' voluntary association theory at 10:30 a.m.

Environmentally Safe Buddhist Meditation Group seeks new members. Please call Barbara at 525-6574.

Nyingma Institute, 1815 Highland Place Berkeley. 843-6812. Every Sunday through July 28 and August 4-25: Tibetan Chanting from 5-6 p.m. Free. Sunday Morning Kum Nye Relaxation from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. \$10. Every Wednesday, July 17-31 and August 7-28: Introduction to Kum Nye from 7-9 p.m. \$15. July 14: Buddhist Philosophy: "Who Was the Buddha?"

Sri Chinmoy Meditation Center offers free meditation workshops in South Berkeley. 540-4114.

Exhibits

Albany Community Center Gallery. Through September 30: "Another Day in the Life of Albany." 524-9283.

ACCI Gallery presents its annual Fine Art and Studio Crafts exhibition through July 14. 1652 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley.

Ames Gallery, 2661 Cedar Street, Berkeley. Through July 6: "It's Show Time: Jon Serl's Canvas as Stage."

Berkeley Historical Society, at 1931 Center St., Berkeley. Through October 26: "The Berkeley Literary Scene." 848-0181.

East Bay Women Artists. Through August 25: "New Directions," an exhibit of recent works, at Royal Ground Gallery, 2058 Mountain Boulevard, Montclair District, Oakland.

"Impressions of Spring - A Community Art Collaboration", is an exhibit on Solano Avenue in North Berkeley and Albany May 18 through July 31. 528-3236.

Judah L. Magnes Museum, 2911 Russell St., Berkeley. 549-6950. On exhibition through July 14: "This Year in Jerusalem: The Passionate Pilgrimage" Rare objects illuminating 300 years of Jerusalem's importance to West. "David Leiventhal: Mein Kampf." Photographic statement of the horror of the Holocaust. "The Italian Jewish Heritage." "Spanier Arbeit." A display of ornate Eastern European Jewish

handwork. On view through September.

La Pena Cultural Center. Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 841-2082. Through August: What is an "American"?

National Institute of Art Disabilities will exhibit "Merriment and the Muse," a selection of humorous works through August at the Florence Ludins-Katz Mead Gallery, 551 23rd St., Richmond. 0290.

New Pieces, 1597 Solano Berkeley. Through August 1: "To With Love," Quilts by Alice Gam 6779.

Off Center Crafts Gallery, through Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Through Aug. 21: Box Show. Oxford St., Berkeley. 644-9695.

Shouts from the Wall: Postcard Photographs brought back from Spanish Civil War by American volunteers. Exhibition is open 17: Film showing of *For Whom the Tolls* at 7 p.m. at the Live Oak 1301 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. Free.

Three C's Cafe, 2507 Hearst Berkeley. Through July 12: Exhibit of recent work by Andrea Lee Smith, local watercolorist.

Support groups, self-help

Alta Bates Medical Center. Ashby Ave., Berkeley. July 16: Day Support Group, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Conference Room 1.

American Schizophrenia Association - Alliance for Mentally Ill. 841-8361. July 6: Support group for families of children with mental illness from 8:45 p.m. at the Claremont 1301 Berkeley Library Meeting Room. Library is on the southwest corner of Ashby and Benvenue. Free.

People with Alzheimer's and disorders welcome at Memory Enrichment Program sponsored by Claremont Center. Music, dance, fellowship. St. John's Church 2727 College Ave., Berkeley. 444-1000.

North Berkeley Senior Center. Hearst/MLK Jr. Way. 644-6107. Support groups include: Low Vision, first Wednesday, 1 p.m.; Alzheimer's Group, every Monday, 1:30 p.m.; Caregiver Support, first and Wednesday, 10:30 a.m.; Depression Support, second and fourth Wednesday, 10:30 a.m.; Family Mental Health, Tuesday, 6:30-8:30 p.m.; Chronic Illness, Wednesdays, 1 p.m.; Pressure, fourth Tuesday, 9:30 a.m.; Health Insurance Counseling and third Wednesday, call appointment; Diabetic Support monthly; Meeting Life Changes, Thursday from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.; Psychology, every Tuesday from noon; Misc. Counseling.

Catholic, Divorced, Widowed Separated will meet the second, fourth Thursdays monthly at St. John Baptist community center, 527-2100.

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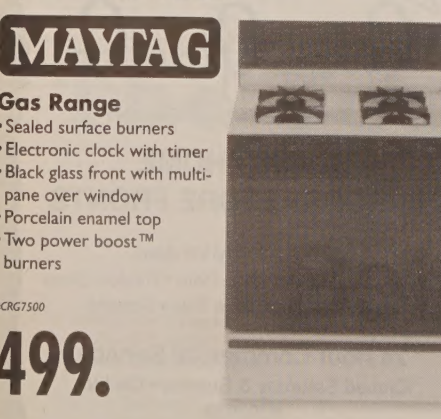
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West County School Watch

By Glen Price

MRAD set for public vote

In a 5-0 vote the WCCUSD school board decided Wednesday to schedule an advisory vote on Maintenance and Recreation District (MRAD) for the Nov. 5 ballot election.

The MRAD raises \$5 million a year for the district through a assessment on residential properties. The impetus for the advisory vote is to shelter it from the "Right to Vote" initiative which, if it makes the November ballot and passes, will require all property-related assessments to be levied on solely by property owners, with their voting power based on the amount of property they own.

Survey shows public confidence

Board confidence in the measure's ability to win at the polls was bolstered by survey results presented at the board meeting by Kent Price of the Research Group (no relation to the Price family). Price had been contracted by the district in June to survey the attitudes regarding potential ballot measures for the MRAD and a school bond in the district of a new middle school in Richmond.

Prior to receiving information about the MRAD, the survey showed 68 percent of those polled favoring the MRAD; after information was presented, the level of support climbed to 73 percent of respondents.

The survey also revealed deep concerns about the quality of education in the district. For example, 50 percent of respondents felt that the quality of education in their community has gotten worse in the last five years.

Observers also note that the MRAD vote will take place in the context of a very crowded November ballot. While the City Council of Richmond declined to put its 24 to put its long-awaited general improvement bond measure to the voters in

November, many school district cities and committees, including Hercules, El Sobrante, and El Cerrito, as well as the Community Colleges District, will have measures before the electorate. How the MRAD will fare as voters weigh these measures was not studied by the research.

Bond vote delayed

The poll did investigate public willingness to finance a new middle school and building renovation through a bond measure. In contrast to the MRAD advisory vote, which needs a majority of 50 percent to pass, a bond measure faces a stiffer challenge, requiring 66 percent.

Prior to receiving information, 52 percent of respondents favored the school bond measure. After receiving information, the level of support climbed to 70 percent.

Demand for a new middle school serving Richmond students was given impetus by the District Middle School Task Force, which prioritized reducing overcrowded conditions at existing middle schools. The process of setting school boundaries conducted during the last school year also illuminated the hardships faced by Richmond students as they commute great distances to middle school.

Citing the need to further study and prepare options for the new middle school, district staff did not present the board with

the option of putting the school bond measure on the November ballot. Superintendent Cole indicated that staff likely would bring the measure back to the board in time to be put before the public in the March 1997 election.

If you would like a full copy of the research results, contact Paul Ehara at the WCCUSD office (234-3825). It is unclear at press time what kind of campaign will form around the MRAD advisory vote but as soon as details become available, I will publish them in the column, as I plan to volunteer for the effort.

Bill passes committee

Assemblyman Tom Bates' bill to allow the WCCUSD to pay down debt owed to the State of California passed through the Senate Education Committee on July 3 by a 5-2 vote, with senators Dills, Haynes, Hughes, Killea, and Watson voting favor and Greene and Hayden voting against. Next stop for the bill is the Senate Appropriations Committee. For more information, e-mail Assemblyman Bates at bates@assembly.ca.gov or call Sewanda Gregory at 234-0211.

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El Cerrito looking to shore up Wildcat Drive

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — It's not exactly mudslide weather, but the city of El Cerrito is still pursuing what avenues it can to prevent further sliding in the Wildcat Drive area when the wet weather does arrive.

According to Community Development Manager Gerry Raycraft, the state's Office of

Emergency Services recently requested more information on a FEMA application the city submitted to obtain funds for repair of the slide and stabilization of the roadway. A section of Wildcat Drive has been rendered unusable because of underground earth activity.

Raycraft said the city is in a "wait and see" mode as far as the application is concerned.

Albany give preliminary OK on campaign finance reform

By Greg Hugunin

ALBANY — In response to a more than fourfold increase in campaign spending since 1990, the City Council gave preliminary approval to a campaign finance reform act.

The council approved the first reading of the act by a 3-1 vote, with Councilmember Bob Good opposed and Elizabeth Baker absent.

The act, which was sent back to the Ad Hoc Task Force on Electoral Reform for two minor revisions, would limit campaign spending to approximately \$4,500 for those candidates who chose to abide by it; for those who do not, the act limits candidates to \$100 per contribution.

The desire for reform comes in the wake of the 1992/94 City Council elections, in which Albany Mayor Mike Brodsky and Councilmember Bruce Mast spent \$10,831 and \$11,675 on their respective campaigns. The previous high was \$2,410 by Baker in 1990.

"We believe the voters have become cynical as a result of past elections where record amounts of money were spent on political campaigns," stated a recommendation submitted by the committee. "Perhaps with the help of this legislation a measure of credibility will be restored to the electoral process."

The reform act, which received a healthy dose of public and council comment, will be "largely self-implementing" according to Ann Haden, chair of the committee. It was designed both to allow those of lesser means to run for elected office as well as keeping special interests out of local elections, and should take Albany back to the "good old days" when campaigning revolved around a knock on the door and a handshake, Haden said.

The reform act works as follows: For those candidates who choose not to accept the spending limits (50 cents per registered voter), contributions, including loans, would be limited to \$100 per election, with no more than 10 percent coming from sources outside Albany.

For those who do, contributions of up to \$250 would be allowed, with as much as 25 percent coming from outside sources. There would be no limits on how much of their own money a candidate chooses to spend.

The act focuses on the amount received as opposed to the amount spent because, according to Haden, expenditures cannot be regulated without violating the First Amendment.

The reform act received mixed reviews from the audience members who chose to comment on it. "I personally am not pleased with this draft ordinance," said

Albany resident Dario Meniketti. "It has too many weaknesses ... we should wait until after the November election."

Former council member Bill Cain, who lost his seat to Mast in 1994, had a different take on the reform act, though.

"I have to agree on the stance the committee has taken," he said. "Overall, it's an excellent start on much-needed reform."

Ironically, the reform act received some of its greatest support from Mast, who called it a "great ordinance." When asked after the meeting why he spent so much on his campaign, Mast cited the fact that he ran against two incumbents (Cain and Baker) during his election and said the two had an advantage because they were already getting their message out for free in local newspapers.

He also said he didn't set out to spend so much, and that one point he forgot to mention at the council meeting was that the ordinance should allow higher limits for challengers.

The reform act didn't receive as warm a welcome from Councilmember Bob Good, who spent less than \$1,000 on his 1992 campaign. "Suppose some important issue comes up ... near the end of the campaign," he said.

"The candidate who has not subscribed to the spending limit can simply reach in his pocket and distribute another leaflet, but the candidate who has already reached his spending limit will be forbidden by this ordinance to address the issue effectively."

After some haggling over the percentage of outside contributions allowed by those who subscribe to the limit (the original proposal set this at 50 percent; it was reduced to 25 percent) and a request for a clearer definition of outside sources, the council approved a first reading of the document and sent it back to the committee.

The second and final reading will be performed at the July 15 council meeting.

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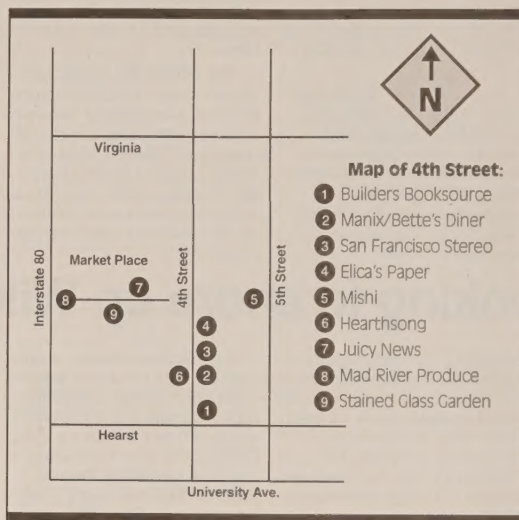
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Now living in nearby Emeryville, the Fairbanks lived in Albany for several years, where Craig developed a fondness for the city and still views it as a friendly city with the small-town atmosphere and a sense of safety and community.

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Copy Central President Craig Farbanks at a recent corporate celebration where employees surprised him with an award.

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Albany Lions Club 54th Annual Installation of Officers

Nearly 100 guests attended the Albany Lions Club 54th Annual Installation of Officers June 22 at the Top of the Holiday Inn in Emeryville. Master of ceremonies was past president Charles McCain and guest speaker was past district governor and past president of the West Berkeley Lions Club Vic Touriel.

Officers to serve the 1996-97 term are Lou Posey, president; Laurie Reynoso, first vice president; Robert Nichols, secretary; Roger Duham, treasurer; Ferd Rannion, tail twister; Bob Luoma, lion tamer; and Robert

Uhrhammer, membership chair. Directors serving the term are Alan Caruso, Charles McCain, Elwood Bridges, Carl Gregsby and Roger Carlson.

Retiring president Elwood Bridges presented appreciation money clips to many of the club members. Lion of the Year award was given to Reynoso for her dedication in participating in assisting with bingo at the Oakland Blind Center.

A president's award was given to Caruso for his part in starting the Kensington Lions Club, J. Henry Kruse Jr. for being the editor of the Lions newsletter, McCain and Carlson. The club meets Thursdays at 7 p.m. at Mr. Michaels' in the El Cerrito Plaza.

Albany Chamber of Commerce

By Fern Luoma



Old Automobiles Wanted

Classic, vintage and special-interest vehicles are wanted to show at the Fifth Annual Classic/Vintage Auto Show to be held Saturday, Aug. 17, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., on the Key Route Strip. Sponsors Albany Ford/Subaru, Joe Sio Chevrolet/Geo and the Albany Chamber of Commerce plan great weather, little things for children and surprises for exhibitors. There is no cost for registration, as the show's purpose is to give the registrants the opportunity to

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Chairing the event, fifth time around, is Albany's David Arroyo, who often participates in auto shows with his 1958 Chevrolet Biscayne, 1948 Chevrolet Fleetline and 1968 Chevrolet Chevelle.

For applications and information, phone Fern Luoma at the Chamber office at 525-1771 or Arroyo after 11 a.m. at 526-4680 or evenings at 653-7441.

El Cerrito offering series of new community classes

EL CERRITO — The city will be offering a new series of classes at the Community Center, 7007 Mooser Lane.

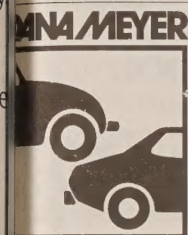
Polynesian Dance will be held from July 18 to Aug. 22, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. The fee is \$31.50 for residents, \$36.22 for non-residents.

Hand and Foot Reflexology, with instructor Martina Krauss, will be held on Saturday, July 27, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The fee is \$15 for residents, \$17.25 for non-residents.

Acupuncture for Health and Enjoyment, with instructor Martina Krauss, will be held Thursdays from July 25 to Aug. 22, 7 to 9 p.m. The fee is \$24 for residents, \$27.60 for non-residents.

Ceramics On and Off the Wheel, with instructor Charlotte Teeple, will be held Wednesdays from July 24 to Aug. 21, 7 to 9:30 p.m., at Tassajara Pottery Center, 2575 Tassajara Ave.

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And it is understandable. I mean, the big party is understandable. Val Thomas is a delightful person. Obviously, she loved her work with children, and the children loved her. As we chatted over coffee at Shai's in Kensington, children came in with their parents and looked shyly at Thomas, hoping she would recognize and acknowledge them — which she did heartily. And the parents were as eager to greet her as their children.

When Lynn Watkins called me to suggest Val Thomas as a subject she was equally eager. Lynn's son had been a student at the preschool some years before, and obviously retained a love for this dedicated woman. Said Watkins, "She has such respect for children." Ah, that is the word, "respect." How important that is to and for the children. Added Watkins, "she never forgets anybody." Would that we all could say that. Certainly that is terribly important in human relations.

Val Thomas was born in Denmark, and still has just a trace of an accent, although she says her accent is definitely not Danish. Teaching is certainly in her background, for her father was a teacher in a one-room schoolhouse and "I went to school practically from day one." And she adds with a smile, "It wasn't always easy to be in my father's classroom. If there was trouble I was often the one."

Father, she revealed, was the "old-fashioned teacher type; with a ruler he would bang on the table, loudly." He loved the children, Val remembers, and would take them on walks to see his fabulous garden. This, she adds, was in a small village in Denmark.

The people in the village were "split right down the middle" between fundamentalist religious people and the free-thinking people that developed in that country. There were places the fundamentalists could not go because "the devil was in there." (Translation: There was dancing in there, sometimes.) They couldn't even go to her father's retirement dinner because it was in the place where dancing sometimes took place.

Wanting to get away from such an atmosphere, Val went to England for a while, and came back to Copenhagen, where she met a "handsome post-doctoral student" who knew English, so they could talk freely. Richard, of course, became her husband, and his knowledge of English is what brought them to America.

One of the things that endeared Richard to Val was that he liked her clowning. "I loved to clown around," she says. I imitated the ducks in the park, among other things. And the "clowning around" was very good with the children she later worked with. "It loosens them up and it's wonderful fun for me," she says. It is important to have fun.

After they came to the U.S. Val got her B.A. at Cal. She earned her teaching credential after her own kids, Erik and Karen, were out of preschool and into elementary

school. She wanted to teach, but early on realized she did not want to teach in elementary school, so preschool became her goal ... therefore, she took classes in early childhood education. However, the projected program of having preschool in elementary schools was never funded, so she didn't get her early childhood credential.

She started teaching special activities for older preschool children in Richmond once a week, which she enjoyed. Then some of the people in her neighborhood in Kensington asked her: "Would you like to start a preschool in our area?" Her answer was an enthusiastic "yes."

It started in a private house where for a year she was teaching a small group of six or seven children. When these children went on to kindergarten she and friends started a program at the community center, until about 1979, when they made the connection with the Kensington Nursery School.

Children were then enrolled for half a day. Thomas realized that they would have to go to a full day program, made a proposal for an afternoon program, and that is how they now have full programs, from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Says Val (full name Valborg), "It has meant a lot to me to work in a parent co-op, and ours is one of the oldest in the area." She speaks of the tremendous effort to sell the idea of a "play-based program" rather than a regular teaching program.

Now, she says, parents seem to understand that that's what a preschool should be, being part of a school based on the developmental stages. "I don't know why all

Community Folk

By Clara Rae Genser



schools aren't," she says, since so much is now known about children's development and about how preschoolers learn. "It seems to me to be the only way to approach preschoolers." She remembers that teachers at her own children's preschool encouraged her in that idea.

She notes that Kensington Nursery School has changed with the times. They now have kindergartners in the afternoon, have dads who participate as well as mothers, and have an administrative assistant instead of having parents do that, too. "Now it is run like a business."

She is proud of the fact that, although most of the parents work, they do manage to come in and be with the children when it is their turn, "because they really want to do it." "I am impressed with them," she says. And tells of one dad who had to work evenings in order to do it. The other thing that she is impressed with is the fact that "we have attracted really talented parents, so the staff is learning, too."

And she speaks of the responsibilities and liabilities that go with preschool educating. It is scary sometimes, she reports.

And personally? Well, daughter Karen is a social worker with Children's Hospital. She has a good feeling for how to deal with problem situations, says Val. Son Erik is in foreign service in Croatia.

"It is very exciting to be there," she says. Husband Richard is a bio-physicist.

And Val loves to walk and to kayak. In fact, part of her retirement gift was a kayak trip to Monterey Bay. She loves "being out on the water and so close to the water." She also plays the recorder, and she and husband Richard travel widely.

At the end of our chat she returned to her party, reminiscing about the kids who are now grown up — some of them 20 years old — who came to her party. "After all the speeches and accolades," she says, "I was tempted to say, 'Since you like me so much I will go on teaching.'" But she is looking forward to her retirement and trying to decide just what she wants to do with it.

As noted, it was Lynn Watkins who called me about Val Thomas, although others have mentioned her to me previously. And I understand their enthusiasm. It was a fun visit.

And, as always, I invite all of you to give me your input: interesting people, activities, events, organizations, travel, etc. Please do write to me at 555 Pierce St., #443, Albany 94706, or call 525-4585. I can also be reached at CRGenser@aol.com.

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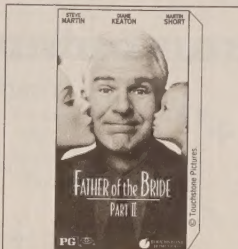
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Running back Norman Hayes from St. Mary's High, and defensive lineman Danny Wilcox from Albany High, will be among the Alameda all-stars participating in the 31st annual United Cerebral Palsy Football Classic at Diablo Valley College Saturday night.

Hayes, a 5-foot-8, 190-pounder, and Wilcox, 6-1, 245, have just graduated from their respective schools and will be representing the Alameda all-stars against their Contra Costa County counterparts.

Game time is 7 p.m. at Viking Field in Pleasant Hill. Tickets, which are \$10 or \$7 in advance (\$5 for 12 and under), are available locally at Mary & Joe's Sporting Goods, 911 San Pablo, Albany, 524-6542; or at Crogan's, 6105 LaSalle, Montclair, 339-2098 or 855-9303. Or call 832-7430, or 939-8000 for more details.

Approximately 20 former participants in the game, which pits the best of the East Bay's football players against each other, have gone on to pro football, including former Cal and Raider Jeff Barnes, and Bill Dunstan, who played for the Eagles and Los Angeles Rams.

Washington Redskins head coach Norv Turner, Stanford athletic director Ted Leland, and former UCLA and Kansas City Chiefs' Theotis Brown, have also participated in the Classic.



St. Mary's Norman Hayes will represent Berkeley in the 31st Alameda/Contra Costa Football Classic at DVC Saturday night. *File 1996*

Mavs off to Minnesota for USA Cup soccer

Seventeen local boys will discover whether their World Cup aspirations will fit in their carry-on luggage as they pack their bags and board a plane bound for Minneapolis this weekend.

The Under-14 Mavericks boys soccer team, representing Alameda/Contra Costa Youth Soccer League, will be flying to the USA cup for a full week of international soccer among 800 teams from nearly every U.S. state and 25 foreign countries such as Russia, Japan, Norway, Chile, Brazil and the Czech Republic.

The USA Cup is the largest international youth soccer tournament in North America.

It is held every July at the National Sports Center in Blaine, Minn., a world-class soccer complex with more than 50 fields.

While attending the nation's premier youth soccer tourney is cause enough for celebration, the Mavs can raise a glass to honor a

far greater achievement measured best in terms of sweat, determination, and generosity; raising the \$14,500 needed to cover the cost of travel, lodging, food, and registration for the players and half a dozen chaperons.

The trip to Minnesota will top-off a successful year, during which the Under-14 Mavs won two statewide tourneys, finished second in two others, placed second in district play and earned a reputation as one of the best and most rapidly developing teams in the state.

"This is a powerful group of people, both the kids and adults," coach Mark Brunkhart said with a smile, "and I hesitate before suggesting to any of them a particular goal toward which we might strive. There isn't one person in the group who quits, or takes the easy way out, or lowers his standards to make success inevitable."

So, if you happen to let an See MAVS, page 10

Albany, El Cerrito little leaguers stir 'em up

Kao, Collister lead Albany

The Albany Major League all-star team, led by the pitching of Albert Kao and the hitting of David Collister, posted a decisive 8-1 victory over Pittsburg National in the first game of the District 4 playoffs Saturday at Pittsburg.

Shortstop Collister drove in Jonah Schrogin with the game's first run in the top of the first inning with the first of his three hits.

Kao then took over. He pitched four scoreless innings, allowing no hits or walks and striking out five.

The only base runner against him reached on an error.

Collister started a two-run rally the third with a two-out double. After an infield hit by Chris Alfert,

Andre Sternberg drove a double to the base of the right-field fence, scoring both runners.

James Assia led off the fourth with a long home run off of Pittsburg starter John Pate.

One out later, Andrew Marshall reached on a catcher's interference, starting another Albany rally.

Collister drove in two runs with his second double of the game as Albany upped its lead to 7-0.

Alfert pitched the fifth inning, giving up a run on an infield hit but got an inning-ending strikeout with the bases loaded.

Albany's next game is at Concord Thursday night.

Kao then took over...allowing no hits or walks and striking out five.

Albert Kao, left, pitched four scoreless innings against Pittsburg. David Collister socked three hits to help Albany advance tonight. *Jeff Lindquist*



The 1996 champion EC Mustang Phillies — Top row, left to right: Tom Johnson, Jim McSweeney, Kevin Berndt, manager Marc Toma, Pete Lock; middle row, left to right: Stephen Galvin, Alex Peck, Elliot Cuzzillo, Sam Alcabes, David Lock, Jeff Berndt, Aaron Bendix-Balgley; bottom row, left to right: Matt Houser, Walker Toma, Stefan Oste, Erik Johnson, Jack McSweeney.



The 1996 EC Mustang all-stars — Top row, left to right: coach Harry Gordon, mgr. Kevin Berndt, coach Roger Murray, scorekeeper John McKnight; middle: Erik Johnson, Robert Diaz, Jack McKnight, Jack McSweeney, Greg Murray; bottom: James Winfrey, Larry Reyna, Jeff Berndt, Brandon Perry, Ian Gordon, Tyler Lohman, Spencer Selak, Peter Collister. Missing: Matt Houser.

El Cerrito's Blue Mustang all-stars take San Anselmo tourney

The 9-10-year-old Blue Mustangs from the El Cerrito Youth Baseball League, beat Lafayette, 11-4, recently, to win the San Anselmo all-star tournament.

In the tourney, EC posted a 6-0 record, outscoring its opponents, 82-12.

The Blues were led by Greg Murray, who went 13-for-15 during the six games. Murray had

two home runs in one game, and added three doubles and a triple. He scored 12 runs.

In addition, Murray came in to strike out the last batter with the bases loaded in a 2-0 win over host San Anselmo.

Also starring for EC in the nine-team event, was Ian Gordon, who had three homers with two, two-run HRs in one inning in the first

game against Danville.

In addition, Gordon allowed one run in nine innings of pitching.

Robert Diaz chipped in with 11 hits, while Spencer Selak added seven and played flawlessly behind the plate, third and center field.

Peter Collister had six hits and Jack McKnight, James Winfrey, Jack McSweeney, and Erik Johnson added five hits each.

... The Phillies emerged as the champs of the EC Mustang League this season. They were led in the title game

by 9-year-old catcher/pitcher Walker Toma, who threw three runners out attempting to steal. Toma combined with McSweeney and Johnson for the Phils second consecutive shutout.

The Phillies won the regular season with a 12-4 record.

In the six-team playoffs, the Phils beat the Oaks, 8-7, in the first game. On successive Sundays, they beat the Rockets, 2-0, 5-0.

McSweeney and Johnson were co-MVPs.

Toma was Rookie of the Year and MVP of the championship game.

Matt Houser led the league in batting.

For the second consecutive season, Jeff Berndt finished second in the batting chase, while leading the Phils in runs scored.

Johnson posted 104 strikeouts in 47 innings, while McSweeney had 71 Ks in 43 innings.

The Phillies staff registered a 3.13 ERA, while the offense scored 9.56 runs a game.

El Cerrito's Youth Baseball League will be presenting an All-Star Mustang section tournament July 13-20 at Castro Field.

Booster passes and individual game tickets are still available.

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Lowell Cohn is on vacation

Judo: yin/yang sport that makes one think

Albany Judokas in U.S. Junior Nationals

By Susan Woodward

OAKLAND — Two opponents, each dressed in baggy white pants and gi jackets tied with colorful belts, face each other and bow. At the hand signal from the official, the throws begin.

The Judo Club at the Albany YMCA, under the direction of Mel Augustine, Sansei, 7th Dan, Black Belt, was one of the local clubs participating in the United States Judo Federation Junior National Championships, held recently at the Kaiser Convention Center. More than 900 participants, ages 7 to 20 from all over the country, competed.

Representing the Albany club, which began in 1965, were Mark Fujita, 19, black belt, Megan Williams, 18, black belt, Raphael Rehbock, 16, first degree brown belt, Dan Harumi, 11, green belt, Niall Walsh, 9, orange belt and Kai Fujioka, 7, yellow belt.

Nationals tough competition

The competition was tough. Starting for the Albany team was Rehbock, who had 4 decisive wins in his class to win the 16's, 172-pound class. By virtue of his strong showing, Sunday Augustine moved Rehbock up to the Youth Class, for 17-20-year-olds.

Competing against black belts for the first time, Rehbock won his first match, then lost to the eventual champion.

In the consolation round, the Albany competitor he lost in his first match.

Both Williams and Fujita fought well and started off strong by winning their respective first matches. Then they lost in the second round.

Dropping down to consolation, Williams lost to the eventual second place winner, while Fujita won a match before bowing out.

For the younger athletes, Fujioka fought well. He won his first match, lost a tough split decision, then won

his first consolation match before losing in the next round. Both Welsh and Harumi lost in their first two matches.

Judo is physical. The objective is to use leverage and your opponent's mistakes to throw her or him to the mat. Points are awarded based on types of throws, pins with a maximum 30 seconds, and at the older competitors' levels, joint locks and chokes employed to subdue the opponent.

There is a chance of getting hurt during competition, but an athlete can "tap out" and stop the match at any time by tapping a hand repeatedly.

Skill vs. skill sport

"I really like judo because when you're competing you are totally into whoever you're fighting and you always know where you are in a match," comments Williams, a recent Berkeley High graduate. "It's one on one; my skill versus your skill."

Williams, who is heading to Columbia in the fall, meditates to prepare for a national championship.

"Mentally, it's quite hard to compete. A lot of judo is confidence," she states.

Meditation also helps to settle her jitters. "I just try and stay focused," she concludes.

Cultural influence

Fujita, also a recent grad of Berkeley and currently a film student at the Academy of Art in San Francisco, was not very focused when he began judo at age 12. When he was 15, he participated in the club's Judo/Japan trip, and things changed.

"By going to Japan, I became more aware of my heritage and the importance of judo in my heritage," he says. "This is part of me; that's when I started concentrating."

"When I'm out there competing and I win, it's the greatest feeling in the world. But when I lose, I fall into a dark pit, but then my judo friends

Photos by Jeff Lindquist
Right, holding on tight, trying to pull him down; bottom left, a judoka gets flipped; bottom right, a contestant is led off by doctor after the youngster got hit in the neck and had trouble breathing.



'When...I win, it's the greatest feeling in the world. When I lose, I fall into a dark pit.'

— MARK FUJITA, BERKELEY JUDO PLAYER



help me climb out of that pit," he comments.

"Judo is a thinking sport," observes Berkeley resident Raphael

Rehbock. "It's like a yin/yang symbol. It has to do with that philosophy of life. People who do judo are good people, they learn how to interact

with other people.

"Judo is a reason to strive. You try to make yourself the best judo player you can be," he continues.

"Even if you're not the best, you always strive to be the best."

He certainly demonstrated that at Kaiser.



Youngsters learn the fundamentals of lacrosse at the Berkeley Lacrosse Camp at Berkeley High.

Mavs

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impossible dream like USA Cup slip off of your tongue, you are very likely to get precisely what you

asked for, and then you have to think of something to top it the following year."

Berkeley Lacrosse Camp gets off to a rousing opening session

The Berkeley Lacrosse Camp faced off its first of eight weekly workshops last Saturday. A sunny and warm morning welcomed 40 campers — boys and girls between the ages of 8 and 14, to Berkeley

High's field.

Excitement filled the air, as exuberant kids chased balls, learned to throw, and catch, and practiced their cradle.

"This excellent staff-to-camper

ratio is one of the Berkeley Lacrosse Camp's key philosophies for a positive learning experience," says co-director Jonah Hendrickson.

When signing up for the summer,

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The household size and income criteria identified below will be used to determine eligibility for free and reduced price benefits.

Children from households whose income is at or below the levels

shown are eligible for free or reduced price meals.

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| 4 | \$20,280 | \$1,690 | \$390 | \$28,860 | \$2,405 | \$555 |
| 5 | \$23,686 | \$1,974 | \$456 | \$33,707 | \$2,809 | \$649 |
| 6 | \$27,092 | \$2,258 | \$521 | \$38,554 | \$3,213 | \$742 |
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The Importance Of Dog Training

by Kenya Sheats

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Training need not be at the competition level. Check with your local Humane Society or SPCA: Many of them offer the Canine Good Citizen test. Most dogs, with a rudimentary amount of work, can pass this test. This CGC requires that the dog be an acceptable member of society, and that the owner be responsible. Certificates of vaccination are required, as are city licenses. The dog must be able to greet a friendly stranger, to sit quietly when asked, and walk nicely on a leash, among other skills.

There is one reason above all others to train your dog. It could save Fido's life someday. He starts to eat snail bait, or run in front of a car. You say "come" or "off" and Fido obeys. I have kept my dogs from chasing the neighborhood cats into the street on several occasions, simply with a quick command.



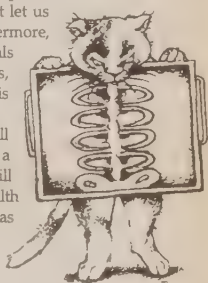
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Police chief election method to be on the ballot

By Greg Hugunin

ALBANY — The City Council resolved last week to ask voters if they want to relinquish their power to elect Albany's police chief, city attorney and city treasurer.

The decision, which came after a 3-1 vote with Councilmember Bob Good opposed and Councilmember Elizabeth Baker absent, was made at the end of a rather heavily-loaded council session and received scant citizen response. Voters will now be faced with three separate ballot measures in November, with the election for the offices coming in 1998.

The question of elected vs. appointed department heads was first brought up by the council in September 1995, and was subsequently looked over by the Charter Review Committee during six meetings spanning the months of October to March. The committee then came up with the recommendation, along with a list of pros and cons on the subject, that the power to appoint the department heads be left to the City Council, with the positions being supervised by the city administrator.

Among the pros and cons of the issue were questions of accountability, the ability to remove a department head if they are performing their job poorly, the ability to find qualified office-holders in Albany (particularly for the job of police chief), and responsiveness of elected department heads to voters. Although the committee left open the decision as to whether the

issue should be submitted as one initiative or three, they did recommend that it be put to the voters.

"There have been far too many uncontested elections in the last 25 years," Tony Caine, chair of the committee, told the council. "There is no incentive for elected department heads to be responsive."

Caine said that in the last quarter-century, there had been only one contested election for the offices of Police Chief and Treasurer, two for City Attorney, and called the situation a "potential disaster" if an incompetent person were to run uncontested.

Also speaking to the council were Police Chief Larry Murdo, Treasurer Kim Denton and City Attorney Robert Zweben, all three of whom were in favor of keeping their offices elected.

"I think the political issue that speaks to my mind is how the community wants officials chosen," Zweben said, adding that, based on his discussions with other city attorneys, such measures were normally defeated.

Murdo echoed Zweben's desire to keep the positions elected, citing the experimental Chief Operator teen driving safety program as one of the fruits of a voter-approved Police Chief. If the chief were appointed, Murdo said, they might not be willing to risk such a program if the City Administrator were opposed to it.

City Administrator Daren Fields, however, seemed to favor appointment. "(Elected department heads) can do what they want, essentially," Fields said. "Any city administrator would rather see appointed than elected. It provides for more effective and efficient government."

After comment by Albany resi-

Viewpoint

Initiative supporters look to November

In November, Albany residents will vote on an important civic issue. One thousand six hundred forty-three signatures qualified the Citizens' Appointee Protection Initiative for the 1996 ballot, an initiative that was driven by the City Council's dismissal of a former mayor from the town's Planning and Zoning Commission last fall.

The measure protects all council-appointed volunteers on advisory bodies from dismissal without cause or justification. It does this by adding missing, but needed, language to the City Charter that already exists in the city's municipal ordinance.

Signatures were collected in a short period of time. It appears the

popularity of this initiative is derived from the community's belief that volunteers provide an important contribution in the small town.

Historically, there has always been strong citizen participation in Albany — city councils expect (and receive) lots of citizen input from many advisory bodies. Now Albany citizens feel that the many hours of dedication volunteers give to the community deserve respect and that the integrity of their work should be assured.

The proponents of the initiative also believe these volunteers have a basic right to expect fair and democratic treatment, perhaps even more than regular city employees.

Judith Innes, an initiative pro-

ponent and director of UC Berkeley's Urban Institute, states, "This right is taken for granted in fair employment practices; it should also be taken for granted in fair appointment procedures. By reaffirming a uniform dismissal procedure for all volunteers based on cause, rather than political whim, the Citizens' Initiative will protect individual rights and freedom of expression. Perhaps just as important, it will protect appointees from council political pressure."

Initiative supporters believe that a grave injustice was done to Albany's volunteers last year when appointees were arbitrarily dismissed.

According to the City Clerk, the act was unprecedented in the town's history. According to proponents,

it was grossly contrary to the of the city's bylaws.

Their initiative is a direct response. Its intent is to be about the importance of the good city, not the pleasure of the council.

No matter how the rules are set, fairness is not guaranteed. It is an essential part of good government," states Elisa Mikiten, initiative proponent and Planning and Zoning Commissioner. "It is reassuring to see that an equal rule for volunteers — which encourages open debate and participation in Albany's local government — received strong support from the community."

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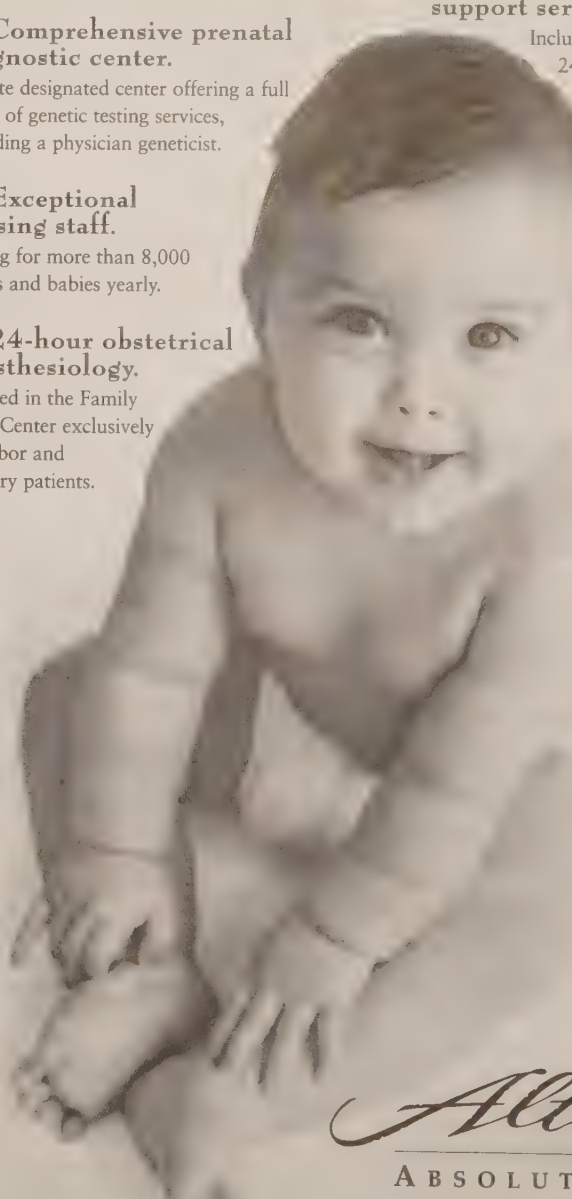
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go to the El Cerrito City Council for final approval. Council members are not of like mind on the issue. Some feel the parks are public facilities which should be open to all: "the more use, the better," being one motif. Others separate use by private school students from use by the surrounding residential community.

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Poetry contest deadline

Poets Enid Shomer, Jason Sommers, and Phyllis Koestenbaum have named judges of the 10th annual Anna Davidson Rosenberg Award for Poems on the Jewish Experience, the only nationwide/worldwide competition for unpublished poetry in English on the Jewish experience. To enter the competition, first send a self-addressed stamped envelope with entry form and guidelines by July 31 to Poetry Award, Judah Magnes Museum, 2911 Russell St., Berkeley 94705.

Sponsored by the Magnes Museum, the Rosenberg Award is endowed by the descendants of community leader Anna Davidson Rosenberg to encourage poetry on the Jewish experience.

Each year, hundreds of poets enter the competition, open only to published poems in English. Winners have included such recognized poets as Philip Terman, Alicia Ostriker, and Myra Sklarew, and many new emerging writers.

Awards include first prize (\$100), second prize (\$50), third prize (\$25), Emerging Poet Award (\$25), and honorable mentions. Writers under age 18 are also eligible for a Youth Commendation, and poets over 65 are also eligible for a Senior Award. Winning poems will be read in an awards ceremony at the Magnes during Chanukah.



Brazilian originals

Maybeck Recital Hall welcomes Ricardo Peixoto-Peter Barshay Brazilian Jazz Quartet this Sunday afternoon at 4. Guitarist Peixoto (left) and bassist Barshay will play Brazilian originals, accompanied by Harvey Wainapel, woodwinds, and Aaron Johnston, percussion. Tickets are \$20; for reservations call 848-3228. Maybeck Recital Hall is at 1537 Euclid Ave., Berkeley.

Pieces of AIDS

Readings of short plays by Migdalia Cruz, Danny Hoch, Naomi Iizuka and Erin Cressida Wilson showing the human face of AIDS are scheduled at La Peña Cultural Center tonight and Friday at 8 p.m. Proceeds from "Pieces of the Quilt" will benefit Pediatricare and Alma Delfina Group. A presentation and placement of the Names Project Foundation Memorial Quilt and Latin music by the Hector Lugo quartet and Jacqueline Rago will also be part of the event.

"Pieces of the Quilt" will be produced at the Magic Theatre in San Francisco in October.

Admission is on a sliding scale—\$6 to \$20. La Peña is at 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley; 849-2568.

Rock en Español



Azlan Records has announced the CD debut of Oriza, the Bay Area rock en Español band. The celebration of Oriza's premier CD will take place at the Berkeley Square "La Rockola," 1333 University Ave., Berkeley, on July 12 at 9:30 p.m. with two special guests; Pastilla (L.A.) and La Muda (San Francisco).

Oriza's premier CD includes 13 original tracks which reflect the multi-cultural inheritance of the band members who are of South American origin. David "leather sax" Allen, member and leader of the group Roadformation, and Eddie Caipo, keyboards for Oriza, together produced this CD. "Latino Culturzfate" and "El Bebe," are the first hit singles released.

Oriza fuses super-hot alternative rock with samba, funk and energized Afro-Latin sounds to produce Oriza's unique sound. The group is composed of Peruvians Juan Manuel Caipo (drums), Mark Caipo (base), Donald McKee (guitar), Eddie Caipo (Keyboard) and the Venezuelan Juan Jimenez (voice and percussion).

Author talk

Bay Area author Helen M. Fisher discusses her book *From Erin with Love* tonight at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes & Noble, 152 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. The book tells the story of Fisher's daughter's death. Jack Canfield, co-author of *Chicken Soup for the Soul*, "Often using Erin's own words, her mother has painted a rich portrait of a young woman who loved life, endured the pain of illness and...continues to live on in ways that may astound."



Berkeley eccentric's art

When Edward Hagedorn died in Berkeley in 1982, boxes of remarkable paintings, drawings, and paintings—along with close to \$1 million in cash—were found in the attic of his Woolsey Street home. After living the last years of his life as a virtual recluse—a colleague describes the tall, thin man as "a walking question mark with no use for success"—Hagedorn

'DIE FLEDERMAUS?' IN BERKELEY?



Eisenstein (John Rouse) boasts to his friend Falke (Frank Killar) of his infallibly seductive chiming watch.

Local opera company sets Strauss in Berkeley

Berkeley Opera's 1996 season concludes with Johann Strauss' sdelightful comedy, *Die Fledermaus* (*The Bat*), opening Saturday, July 13, 8 p.m. at the Julia Morgan Theater, with repeat performances on July 19, 20, 24 and 27 at 8 p.m., and three Sunday matinees on July 14, 21 and 28 at 2 p.m. These performances feature a new English translation by David Scott Marley that sets the drama in present-day Berkeley and, in the witty spirit of the original, satirizes the foibles of our own time.

Among the most frequently produced works on the operatic stage today, *Die Fledermaus* began life as a German play called *The Jail*. In Paris, as a vaudeville farce called *Le Reveillon* by Henri Meilhac and Ludovic Halevy (who also wrote the libretto for Bizet's *Carmen*) it achieved astounding success and spread all over Europe, coming to the attention of Johann Strauss Jr., who was then resident composer at the Theater an der Wien in Vienna.

What made *Die Fledermaus* interesting in its day was the way its librettist, Richard Genée, used it as a means to poke fun at the middle class society of 19th century Vienna. Audiences at the opening in 1874 were able to identify among the characters, if not themselves, perhaps their good friends. *Die Fledermaus* was also considered unusual because the setting was in the present time and locale (19th century Vienna) instead of an exotic faraway land as was usual for operettas.

It is with this in mind that Berkeley Opera chose to present David Scott Marley's new translation of Strauss's popular operetta. Marley has moved the setting to 1990s Berkeley; the party takes place in one of the elegant old homes in the Berkeley hills. In this version, Vienna's stuffy middle class becomes the politically-correct movers and shakers

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For work or play

Moving by the book

By Barbara L. Sloane

Summertime. Vacation time. Moving time. If you're just lounging by the pool this summer, this review is not for you. However, if travel or moving plans are in your future, the following books may make the experiences more pleasant.

THE PACKING BOOK by Judith Gilford (Ten Speed Press, \$7.95.) Gilford is a packing expert who shares in this book her "secrets of the carry-on traveler." She swears that it's possible to travel from three days to three weeks with only one carry-on bag.

The news that out of 600 million pieces of luggage handled annually by the airlines only 30,000 pieces are lost is not too bad. Unless, of course, one of those 30,000 pieces is yours. Consequently, more and more travelers are joining the carry-on crowd.

Gilford guides the reader briskly through choosing the right luggage, accessories and travel gear, complete with illustrations of various styles. The two most important chapters deal with the carry-on wardrobe (tough decisions have to be made with only one bag) and how to pack the carry-on. Gilford favors a "bundle" method, which is the centerpiece of the demonstra-

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Disney does it again

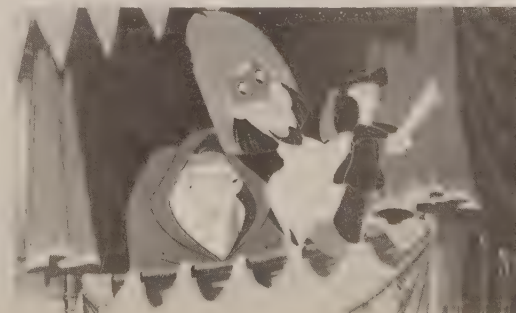
By Renata Polt

In the first place, forget Victor Hugo.

The truth is, I myself haven't read his *Notre-Dame de Paris*, the "inspiration" for Disney's *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* (directed by Gary Trousdale and Kirk Wise), but I can't imagine any 19th-century novelist making a disfigured person into a huggable, cuddly guy, or giving voices to gargoyles. Two of those gargoyles, companions of the film's hero, are named "Victor" and "Hugo"—about as close to our old author as we're likely to get.

Well, Disney isn't about the classics. Tack a happy ending onto Hans Christian Andersen's "The Little Mermaid," and what you get may not be Hans Christian Andersen, but it's still a lovely film. Much of the same applies to "Hunchback."

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Art series spotlights Spanish Civil War

How did Hemingway feel about Hollywood's adaptation of his novel, *For Whom the Bell Tolls*? A free showing of the 1943 film starring Ingrid Bergman and Gary Cooper, followed by a discussion of unpublished Hemingway letters criticizing the film script, will take place July 17, 7 p.m., at Live Oak Theater, 1301 Shattuck Ave. in Berkeley's Live Oak Park.

The film is part of a series of public programs in conjunction with the exhibition, "Shouts from the Wall: Posters and Photographs Brought Back from the Spanish Civil War by American Volunteers" running concurrently at the Berkeley Art Center. Coordinated by the Abraham Lincoln Brigade Archives at Brandeis University, the exhibit has been curated by archivists Peter Carroll and Cary Nelson.

Carroll, who unearthed the Hemingway letters, will discuss their contents in relation to *For Whom the Bell Tolls* following the film showing.

The public programs have been supported by a grant from the California Council for the Humanities. Other events scheduled include another film showing, *Forever Activist*, with filmmaker Judith Montell about the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, an afternoon of music from the Spanish Civil War by Bruce Barthol of the San Francisco Mime Troupe, a lecture on George Orwell's *Homage to Catalonia* by Dr. Peter Stansky, professor of History at Stanford University and a slide lecture on Women in the Spanish Civil War by Dr. Shirley Mangini, professor of Spanish at Long Beach State University.

The exhibition runs through Aug. 10. Gallery hours are Wednesday through Sunday, noon to 5 p.m.

Ayckbourn comedy at Live Oak

A Chorus of Disapproval, an Alan Ayckbourn comedy, opens at Live Oak Theatre, 1301 Shattuck (at Berryman), Berkeley, at 8 p.m. Friday, July 12. Produced by Actors Ensemble of Berkeley, the city's oldest stage company, the play will be on stage Friday and Saturday evenings through Aug. 10, plus Thursday evening, Aug. 8.

This is the story of a shy English widower who, to escape loneliness, joins the local amateur opera society. Quite by accident, rather than design, his "career" soars. By not saying "no" to anything, including sex, he advances from a one-line part to the lead. The humor is heightened by the doings of a shambling, madcap producer and the constant look at how painfully embarrassed are the British in the face of emotion.

John Dahlen, long associated with Actors Ensemble as actor and director, is staging the play. His cast of 19 includes Scott Campbell, Bill Chessman, Monica Emeldi, Norman Johnson, Jim Lathi, Irit Levit, Alexander Lewis, Mary Miller, Mary Mundy, Stephen Randolph, Tecia Ryan, Mark Serman, and Brenna Wardell.

For reservations, phone 528-5620. Admission is \$8, with discounts for groups of 15 or more.

This is the final production of Actors Ensemble's 89th season.

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Edward Hagedorn's linocut 'Stormy Night.'

left behind a compelling body of work that is only now becoming known. As part of the University Art Museum and Pacific Film Archive's experimental MATRIX series, the museum presents 42 of the artist's striking prints and drawings in the exhibition Edward Hagedorn through Sept. 29.

The UAM/PFA exhibition highlights the stark, anti-war images and almost cataclysmic landscapes Hagedorn created from around 1925 through 1940, the period when he produced his best work. Strongly influenced by German Expressionist art in both style and subject matter, Hagedorn boldly simplified forms and used harshly contrasted lights-and-darks that give his works a "monumentalizing quality that is direct and arresting, and feels surprisingly contemporary," says UAM/PFA Curator James Steward.

German opera post

Jonathan Khuner, artistic director of Berkeley Opera, has received an appointment as musical assistant and prompter at this summer's International Wagner Festival in Bayreuth, Germany, where he will assist James Levine in the preparation of Wagner's "Ring" Cycle. He returns to the Bay Area in the fall, where he will occupy a similar position at the San Francisco Opera in addition to his responsibilities with Berkeley Opera. Khuner will also serve as an assistant conductor at the Metropolitan Opera next spring, working on the Met's production of Dvorak's *Rusalka*, which he conducted at Berkeley Opera during the 1995 season.

'Henry V' in Orinda

California Shakespeare Festival's second play in its 93rd year and first season under the leadership of Joe Vincent as artistic director will be *Henry V*, directed by James Bundy, with costumes by Jack Taggart, set by J. B. Wilson, lighting by David K. H. Elliott, and original music composed by Gilla Robair.

Henry V will run through Sunday, Aug. 3 at CSF's Bruns Memorial Amphitheatre in Orinda. Curtain times are Tuesdays through Thursdays at 7 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m.; and Sundays at 4 p.m.

Pre-performance Bard Talks will begin at 7:15 p.m. every Friday night. A short (15-minute) informal talk before every performance will be given by Joan McBrien, who has an MA from the University of Warwick in English and European Renaissance Drama (and who has written the Festival's program notes for a number of years). She will discuss the major themes, the rehearsal process, and other interesting aspects of the production.

Ticket prices range for single tickets from \$20 to \$32 for adults; \$18 to \$30 for seniors; and \$10 to \$12 for children. (Children under 4 are not allowed.) All tickets are available through the CSF Box Office: Charge-by-phone 548-9666; charge-by-fax at 843-9921; and by mail or in person at the California Shakespeare Festival's offices, 2531 Ninth Street near Parker, in Berkeley 94710.

Disney

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Visually, it's drop-dead gorgeous. You keep wondering how Disney can top treats such as "Mermaid" and *Beauty and the Beast*, but this film's setting — 15th-century Paris — offers all sorts of new opportunities: the mystical spaces and pillars of Notre Dame cathedral, the kaleidoscopic *Feast of Fools*, the contrasts between Quasimodo's home up in the cathedral's towers and the earth-bound life below. How the Disney folks manage to achieve a really three-dimensional look is beyond me, but they do.

The story's hero is Quasimodo "Quasi" to his pals — voice of Tom Hulce), young, orphaned, and disfigured. He's forbidden to leave the cathedral by his guardian, the evil Judge Frollo (voice of Tony Jay), who is filled with hatred — for the gypsies, one of whom was Quasimodo's mother — and lust — for Esmeralda, a gypsy girl.

Esmeralda (voice of Demi Moore) is one of Disney's feisty, lanky heroines, a la Pocahontas. Frollo isn't the only one who falls for her; so does Quasimodo, for whom she shows compassion, and Phoebus, Captain of the Guard (voice of Kevin Kline). Quasimodo becomes a better person by helping to rescue them both from the wrath of Frollo, but there's no cliché clinch at the end. Not for Quasi, anyway.

"Hunchback" is the first Disney movie to break the ugly = evil stereotype (it's also the first to include a scene of sexual molestation, though that's laid on very lightly). The message is, in Esmeralda's words, "What do they have against people who are different, anyway?" It isn't a groundbreakingly original question, but there's much to be said for introducing children to the notion that neither appearance nor ethnicity should determine a person's rights or value as a human being.

"Hunchback"'s songs (by *Beauty and the Beast*'s Alan Menken, and *Pocahontas*' Stephen Schwartz)

range from the charming French cabaret-style "A Guy Like You" to "God Help the Outcasts" with its predictable rhymes and sappy sentiment. The remaining six or seven songs are pleasant if not memorable.

In Disney pictures, animal are the scene-stealers, and "Hunchback" is no exception, although the animals here play a lesser role. A baby bird that Quasi encourages to fly and Esmeralda's pet goat are the only non-human characters — unless you count the gargoyles.

Now for something completely different: A one-day silent film festival makes its debut at San Francisco's Castro Theatre, July 14, with films starring Dorothy Gish, Janet Gaynor, Ramon Navarro, and others. Call 415-558-9085 for information.

Opera

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of Berkeley. The young Russian prince, Orlovsky, who at age 18 is so bored with life that nothing excites him any longer, becomes Bill Orlovsky, a teenager whose high school computer project made him a millionaire.

Strauss and Genée created a story with familiar characters; Marley has given these characters a closer level of familiarity.

Music director for the production is Alex Katsman, assisted by Jude Navari, who is also chorus director. The stage director is Rhoda Klitsner and set design is by Bill Doggett. Most roles are double-cast; principals include Marcelle Dronkers, Claire Kelm, Kathy McMillan, Krista Wigle, Elspeth Franks, Tina Osinski, Deborah Garrett, Marissa Fox, Steve Kinsella, Michael McCarty, John Rouse, William Neely, Frank Killar,

Macatee Hollie and Michael Mendelsohn.

Tickets for *Die Fledermaus* are priced at \$20 (adult), \$18 (senior) and \$15 (youth-17 and under). Student rush tickets are \$8 on the night of performance, as available. Tickets can be ordered through CitiArts Box Office at 798-1300.

Julia Morgan Theater is located at 2640 College Avenue (at Derby) in Berkeley, and is on the #5 AC Transit line from the Berkeley BART station or the #6 line from the Ashby station.

Berkeley Opera, founded in 1980 by Richard Goodman and currently directed by Jonathan Khuner, is a not-for-profit performing arts organization devoted to making standard operas more accessible, introducing unfamiliar operas, and providing opportunities for fine local artists to perform and develop.



Eisenstein (Michael McCarty) entices the 'countess,' unaware she is his wife, Rosalinda (Marcelle Dronkers) in disguise.

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tions and seminars she presents throughout the Bay Area.

With chapters on business travel, adventure travel, traveling with kids and packing for teens, nearly all possibilities are covered. Gilford also includes sound advice about security, as well as a list of resources and a bibliography. The detailed table of contents makes information easy to access, although an index would be a helpful addition for future editions.

THE WORDLESS TRAVEL BOOK by Jonathan Meader (*Ten Speed Press, \$4.95*) One of the cleverest ideas to come along for the international traveler, this compact (4" x 6") plastic-slipcased book claims to work in all languages. Its 18 pages contain nothing except pictures. The premise is that when you don't know the words, show the pictures. Table settings, hand tools (when was the last time you needed a paint roller in a foreign country?), food, clothing, stores, transportation — just point to what you want and let your "pointer" become the "pointer." If you get an answer in the other's language, insist on visual answers by flipping through your pictures. Actually, the idea is one that should work and the pocket size makes the book well worth carrying along to foreign parts.

TRAVEL JOURNAL (by *Ten Speed Press, \$8.95*) Want to record

the amusing incidents resulting from pointing to pictures or from failing to squeeze your bundle of clothes back into your carry-on? Travel journals really do help revive these and other trip memories, good and bad.

This soft-sided, 5 x 8-inch, plastic-covered journal not only provides over 100 blank pages, but also includes maps, charts of world currencies, languages and climates, addresses of American embassies and much more.

Of special interest to literary types are the quotations from famous travelers sprinkled through-

out. The range is great, from St. Augustine to Jack Kerouac. If you want to make your travel journal memorable, take Oscar Wilde's advice and spice it up. "I never travel without my diary. One should have something sensational to read in the train."

Travel can be an adventure: moving is an adventure of a different sort. Traumatic as it is for adults, it can be doubly disturbing to children. Two recent books may help ease the change and help children locate themselves in a new home.

WE ARE MOVING by Rachel Biale (*Tricycle Press, \$7.95*).

This book in a "Let's Make Book About It" series is intended to involve a child in a hands-on experience while going through the moving process.

Biale, a Berkeley child and family therapist, has designed a book full of empty pages, whimsical illustrations and directions which encourage a child to draw, write, paste information and pictures about himself/herself, the family, the home and neighborhood.

These lead into expressions of feelings about the new home and what we experience when we move.

Design your own museum tour

One way to visit a museum is to go through the galleries with a knowledgeable curator who can provide just the information or insight needed to heighten your appreciation of the works of art on view. Now, visitors to Berkeley's University Art Museum and Pacific Film Archive can try out an experimental "pocket curator" — a hand-held computer guide to selected works in the UAM/PFA collection galleries — and get a personal and interactive audio/text tour of the museum.

The unusual combination of visual/text and audio information also makes the device a natural assistant

for hearing- or visually-impaired visitors. "This pilot project is one of several important initiatives at the UAM/PFA that are using new technologies to help make the museum's collections and exhibitions more accessible, educational, and fun," says UAM/PFA Director Jacquelyn Baas.

Developed by Visible Interactive of San Francisco, the guides are Newton MessagePadsTM (a personal digital assistant by Apple Computer) which have been modified with the addition of a touch screen, backlighting, audio capability, headphones, and carrying case. In consultation with the UAM/

PFA Education Department, Visible Interactive researched a series of collection works, delving into collection files and interviewing curators, critics, and artists to create a layered script with information and commentary on such works as Peter Paul Rubens' "The Ascent to Cavalry," 1532, Paul Gauguin's 1889 "Still Life with Quimper Pitcher," and Romare Bearden's "Cotton Pickers" (ca. 1941).

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OUT and ABOUT

By Frosene Phillips

"Aren't you Perry Phillips' daughter?" Rusty Gordon asked me recently. The red haired waitress has been a fixture at Cesare's Restaurant in Oakland for 23 years and her memory was suddenly awakened by my presence. Those of you who have been following this column for any length of time, are well aware of my occasional reflections of experiences shared with my father, the late Oakland Tribune night life/restaurant columnist, so this visit to Cesare's had the same affect on me as it did on Rusty.

"Yes, I am," I announced back to her. With that, the conversation took off like a race horse and my memory was now being jarred. Cesare Marigonda was the feisty owner in those days and it was nostalgic to see his brother's paintings still adorned the walls. Rusty, on the other hand, is a refreshing reminder of a seasoned pro who can take an order, greet the regulars on a first name basis and teach a few people a thing or two about service.

Nine years ago Jose Lopez bought the restaurant from Marigonda and maintained the original flavor of the place. Today, Cesare's is celebrating its 25th anniversary and Lopez has introduced some refreshing changes. The restaurant annually takes a two-week hiatus and this will come to an end this week. Reopening Tuesday, July 16, Cesare's new menu will be in full swing.

Shifting to more pasta choices, the menu ranges from a spaghetti with meat sauce at \$8.75 to a linguini cioppino at \$14.75 - 23 pasta dishes in all. Specialties include cannelloni alla Romana (\$11.50) and eggplant parmigiana (\$11.25). Heartier appetites can select an array of entrees such as chicken Jerusalem, veal piccata or a New York steak this is offered with a choice of salad and mostaccioli or rice and vegetable.

Last year, Lopez remodelled the interior brightening the atmosphere. Now, to complement the change, he has added windows to the bar area. This welcomed addition creates pleasant lighting to a once dark and secluded environment.

Cesare's Restaurant is located at 22820 Mountain Blvd. in Oakland near Highway 13. The restaurant is open for dinner Tuesday through Sunday from 4 p.m. Call (510) 531-9400 for reservations. If you're lucky to be seated in Rusty's section, be sure and tell her Perry's kid sent ya.

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RESTAURANT BITES: Point Richmond's Baltic Restaurant will host a "Toy Story" dinner that will feature a buffet dinner followed by a lecture, discussion and multi-media presentation with programmer Rick Sayre and animators Doug Sweetland and Dave Tart of Pixar Inc. Here's an opportunity to get a firsthand glimpse into the award-winning technology of this innovative film. Call (510) 235-2532 for reservations and more details...Chile relleno, chile relleno, chile relleno — a must at Picante Cocina Mexicana, 1328 Sixth St. just south of Gilman in Berkeley.

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MUSICAL NOTES: Free tea dancing to the big band sounds of the Alice Arts Center Jazz Ensemble, Friday from 5 to 7 p.m. at Oakland City Center, 13th and Broadway in downtown Oakland...Saxophonist Pamela Williams makes her first Oakland appearance for KBLX's free listener appreciation party at Jack London Square on Thursday, July 18 at 5:30 p.m. Williams, formerly with Arsenio Hall's house band, has had numerous appearances and toured with such artists as Patti LaBelle, Queen Latifah, Babyface and Barry White...Phoebe Snow will appear in concert Sunday, July 21 at 8 p.m. at Maestro's in San Ramon. Call (510) 855-0370.

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WEEKEND SCENE: Will Downing at Kimball's East...Orquesta Gitano Friday and Avance Saturday at Kimball's Carnival...Ricardo Peixoto-Peter Barshay Brazilian Jazz Quartet featuring Harvey Wainapel and Aaron Johnston Sunday 4 p.m. at the Maybeck Recital Hall...Bob Schoen Quartet Wednesday at Cafe Caracas...Jenny Scheinman Friday and Karen Blixt and Michael Santiago Saturday at Daniel's in Albany...John Turk Thursday and Sunday at the Ramada Inn...Nob Hill Sounds Friday at the Oakland Veterans Memorial Building and Sunday at the Piedmont Veterans Memorial Building.

Ahmad Jamal Trio at Yoshi's NiteSpot...Pamela Rose Wednesday, Cami Thompson Friday with the Eddie Pasternak/Roger Glenn Duo at Gertrude Stein...Paula West, Wednesday, July 17 City Center noon concert...Fatty Lovebuckle Sunday at the Pacific Coast Brewing Co...New Dealers with Isotope Friday and Strictly Roots Saturday at the Paradise Bar & Grill...Wall Street Friday and Flashback Saturday at Maestro's San Ramon...Tattoo Blue Friday and The Chris Cobb Band Saturday at the Baltic.

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■ Martin Snapp

De Gustibus: Good news — no, make that *great* news — for people in the Grand Lake area.

As you know, I've been rhapsodizing for years about the bread at The Cheese Board, which is located in the heart of Berkeley's Gourmet Ghetto.

For some time, The Cheese Board Collective has been looking around for the best place to start up a second store. And they've finally found it: on upper Lakeshore, right across from Peet's Coffee. If all goes according to schedule, it'll open this fall.

The problem is: How to expand without diluting the quality (a fate that has befallen some other local bakeries I could name)?

Answer: They're not expanding at all. They're teaching a brand-new bunch of bakers — to be known as the Arizmend Collective — all their recipes and secrets, and then sending them off on their own. It's an extraordinarily generous gesture, but one that you'd expect from The Cheese Board folks.

So get ready, Oaklanders. If I were you, I'd start with the Suburban Bread (the best French country bread I've ever had outside France) and the Sunday Bread (cinnamon, walnuts and raisins — oh my!)

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In other food news, felicitations to Doug and Dolly Walker of Albany, whose Walker's Pie Shop (which I always describe as "a little bit of America nestled right next door to Berkeley") will celebrate its 32nd anniversary on Monday — the first time I can ever remember it being open on a Monday.

Many people have asked me why I find Walker's so charming, and I always answer, "The atmosphere."

And they always say, "What atmosphere?" The place is, as former Tribune restaurant critic Janet Fletcher once put it, "plain as a pin."

And that's my point exactly. Walker's is so unpretentious, you can't help but relax.

It doesn't hurt that Doug & Dolly keep hiring what seems like an endless supply of fresh-faced Albany High students, who are so wholesome it makes you feel better about the future of the human race.

The popovers ain't bad, either.

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Speaking of celebrations, June 30 was the 79th anniversary of the UC Theater, that grand old movie palace on Berkeley's University Avenue.

To celebrate, they had a special showing of *The Sea Hawk*. (Not the Errol Flynn version; it's the 1924 silent version starring Milton Sills, just restored to its original pristine condition by the wizards at the UCLA Film Archives.)

Playing the accompaniment was none other than Bob Vaughan, who has been playing organ for silent films since the 1920s.

But for me, the high point of the evening was the unveiling of the absolutely humongous poster that will adorn an entire wall in the lobby from now on.

It's an Italian movie poster advertising "I Beatles" (Giovanni, Paulo, Giorgio & Ringo) in *Il Sottomarino Giallo*. (Translation: "Yellow Submarine.")

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Dumb Politically-Correct Gesture Of The Week: The San Francisco School Board renaming 105-year-old Douglass Elementary School after Harvey Milk.

Mind you, I have nothing against Milk. He was a true hero who deserves to have a hundred schools named after him.

But why pick a school named after Frederick Douglass, who was probably one of the half-dozen most important people in American history?

School Board President Steve Phillips made things even worse when he tried to explain. He said the board's policy is to discard the names of those who have "a dwindling relevance to today's youth."

Oh yeah? Since when did Douglass become irrelevant? In fact, since Ken Burns's Civil War TV series, I'd venture to say that he's probably better known to today's youngsters — even gay youngsters — than Milk, who, after all, died a generation ago.

And considering the ongoing hostility between the gay community and the African-American community — many of whom resent what they see as "their" civil rights slogans being co-opted by the gay movement — this is one confrontation that didn't need to happen.

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But enough complaining. Let's return to happier matters, like wishing a happy 75th birthday to playwright James Schevill of Berkeley.

Shevill, whose work has been praised by Robert Lowell, Marianne Moore and William Carlos Williams, is celebrating with the release of his latest book of poems, *The Complete American Fantasies* — which is also drawing rave reviews.

And congrats to The Star of the Sea School in San Francisco, which got an unexpected windfall in the mail: a \$100,000 check from the estate of George Burns.

Not that Burns ever set foot on the campus. But his wife, Gracie Allen, did. She was a member of the very first graduating class in 1914. He left the money to the school in her memory.

Say goodnight, Gracie.

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CRG

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organization of volunteer citizens working to ensure governmental compliance with environmental and other laws, and to protect the public's right to information and participation in public decisions." (Because CRG must pursue political action to be effective, donations are not tax deductible, says the group's informational flyer).

Two lawyers, an architect, a mechanical engineer, a carpenter, a professor, a landscape architect and a computer network engineer — these are the board members who have raised all the dust. They range in age from 31 to 65. Their logo is a pair of exclamation points lying head to toe, somewhat reminiscent of the Chinese Ying and Yang; one white surrounded by black, the other black surrounded by white. The group's membership, Arkin says, includes the "20-some" members who attended April's annual meeting in person or by proxy, and a mailing list of around 660. They raise money by garage sale, by donation, however they can, and they plan to fight the cardroom to the bitter end.

It is a fight which has not been pretty: One member has labeled Albany Mayor Mike Brodsky, onetime point man for the cardroom proposal, as a "shameless, self-promoting, lawless politician." Another threatened political revenge against El Cerrito City Council member Norman La Force for authoring an agreement between the Sierra Club and Albany to keep the club out of the lawsuit. Yet another has made almost ludicrously passionate comments to the press about Brodsky and then called the reporter at midnight asking that they be retracted.

Not surprisingly, cardroom supporters responded in turn. They alleged the Oaks Club was funding the lawsuit. City officials have resorted, on the record, to obscenities when describing CRG members. As the letters to the editor multiplied, those on the sidelines began giving off distress signals. "People who have haggled over the issues in the council chambers no longer get together after the meeting, have a friendly drink and talk it over," wrote longtime Journal columnist Phyllis Lyon in February, 1996. "Old chums aren't speaking... It's not the Albany way."

Motivating factors

Although the lawsuit, the heart of which centers around a legal interpretation of the California Environmental Quality Act, is the wrench which has slowed the Ladbroke machine, CRG members cite other, more subtle aspects of the election as the motivation for throwing that wrench. They allege that the cardroom proposal was rammed through by the city, that officials did not play fair when predicting the impending bankruptcy of Albany. They pose the question, over and over: did Albany voters know the whole story when

they approved the much-disputed Measure F?

As it turns out, if one goes by the campaign literature and statements issued by then-City Administrator John Nachbar, they did not.

The cardroom campaign took place amid cries of poverty from city officials. Property and sales tax revenues were down a combined \$750,000, prompting forecasts of the city going bankrupt by the year 1996 if no new sources of funding were found. Along came Ladbroke with a proposal for a cardroom that could produce as much as \$2 million a year in tax revenue, and the campaign to bring a cardroom to Albany was on. Whether someone at City Hall should have mentioned during the commotion that the five-year forecast on which the predictions of bankruptcy were based also contained two realistic (although not specific) scenarios which would have left the city as much as \$232,000 in the black at the end of 1998 is a matter of debate. The question of whether Nachbar misrepresented the high end of the scenario, intentionally or not, is another story.

The impending financial doom of Albany first surfaced in a five year fiscal forecast submitted to Nachbar on April 20, 1994. The forecast was threefold; one, a do-nothing scenario, another advocating immediate measures, and a third incorporating the same measures on a slower time scale. While the worst-case scenario predicted a deficit of \$596,000 in fiscal year 1994/95 and \$995,000 in 1997/98, somehow, in making its way from the City Administrator's desk to the ear of the public, the second number seems to have grown by \$205,000, to \$1.2 million. A small discrepancy, some might say, but a discrepancy nonetheless.

"I don't know where that number came from," said Finance and Administrative Services Director Patricia Cabrera, who drew up the original five-year forecast. Nachbar, currently the Assistant City Manager in Tucson, Ariz., does not dispute whether the figure was correct or not.

"I don't remember," he said in a telephone interview with The Journal. "I couldn't tell you where that number came from exactly. For some reason it must have been the best figure available."

It is a figure, however, which seems to have travelled far and wide. On July 5, 1994, at a special council session to discuss the cardroom proposal, Nachbar is on the record as saying the city will have a \$1.2 million deficit in fiscal year 1997/98. In a newsletter sent out under the seal of Albany, that same number is quoted in a story titled "Albany faces Financial Crisis," which ran alongside a second story detailing the first stages of the cardroom proposal. Council member Thelma Rubin used the \$1.2 million figure in a letter to The Journal, published on Oct. 13, 1994. As the campaign moved into its final stages, both Rubin's letter and the city-sponsored newsletter were reproduced and sent out as campaign literature.

Briefs

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brief.

Outis also said he was pleased to have the added clout behind the lawsuit, and pointed out, in apparent anticipation of those who might say Lungren is a known opponent of gambling, that the request for a brief made its way through the environmental law section of the attorney general's office.

Zweben was a bit more tight-lipped about Albany's attempt to gain support in the lawsuit, although the city's request for the briefs is in a much earlier stage than CRG's. He would not say specifically that Ladbroke Racing Corp., the British-based bookmaker

which hopes to build the cardroom, was paying for the brief, but he did say, "The cost of the brief will certainly not be borne by the City of Albany."

The briefs are only one of a number of moves CRG has made in recent months to apparently give more teeth to its lawsuit. The group has also hired Dan Taaffe, a former state deputy attorney general who specializes in land-use and environmental law, to assist in writing the appeal. The CRG has made a \$10,000 commitment to Taaffe for his services, and is currently in the midst of the fund-raising process, Arkin said.

The lawsuit seeks to overturn the results of the November 1994 election authorizing Ladbroke to build a 150-table, 24-hour cardroom at Golden Gate Fields racetrack. It alleges, among other things, that Albany

Theater

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existing impacts from its proximity to BART (noise and periodic congestion).

According to Yovino-Young, "the appraiser has since spoken to a number of real estate agents who serve the area of the ... property. Only one of these agents suggested that a prospective buyer reacted negatively to the proposed theater complex; none indicated that any property actually has suffered a decline in market value attributable to the proposal."

Loubal's daughter (with family members) has since purchased the property for \$100,000. According to Loubal, the house had originally been assessed at \$150,000. According to Yovino-Young, "there is no evidence that the property was ever listed on the open market."

"The property was unsold for over a year," said Loubal. "My daughter got it for \$100,000. It was certainly a benefit to me."

Loubal does not expect his daughter to be negatively impacted by the proximity of a large theater, because he does not believe the project will come to fruition.

"We discussed this with our daughter at great length," he said. "...I don't expect it to happen. We believe our (opposition) movement will be successful."

Loubal would personally like to see a smaller theater built but expects that is more likely to happen at El Cerrito Plaza.

"I think we'll end up seeing smaller businesses like those now present in the Del Norte area," he said.

Loubal stands by his belief that property values would decline with the advent of a large theater in such close proximity to the residential neighborhood.

"What I said was, 'Property values in an area cannot be determined based on the sale of a single home,' he said. "I've been tracking the sale of homes in the neighborhood very close to BART."

"...Property values in the BART neighborhood are very strongly affected by the proposed redevelopment

And the bleeding does not stop there. Near the end of the campaign process seems open to from the initial recommendation of the Fiscal Force that the City Council study the cardroom proposal (one campaign flyer states the "Albany Fiscal Task Force recommends this project" according to a city report, the FTF recommended council "study the possibility of a cardroom at Gate Fields) to the validity of pro-cardroom campaign budget projections at the time of the election (nearly \$200,000 in revenue increases had been projected since the original, April projections, the campaign reached a full head of steam, seems to have checked the validity of the projections being circulated. If anyone at City Hall realized they were wrong, they kept it to themselves.

Also, although balancing the budget is no one's part of city staff, CRG members point out Fiscal year 1994/95 projected a nearly \$600,000 deficit. When the final numbers came in, however, ended up \$95,000 ahead of the game.

And perhaps the most disturbing finding according to city records, the above-mentioned letter, printed and sent out under the seal of Albany containing a 20 percent exaggeration of the deficit, was paid for, at least in part, by Ladbroke. According to the terms of a Letter of Understanding between Ladbroke and Albany, Daren Fields, Albany Assistant City Administrator (now the man in charge of City Hall), billed Ladbroke more than \$10,000 for preparation of a part of the newsletter (not the newsletter, which contained the erroneous figure). Albany City Attorney Robert Zweben upholds the legality of such a move, Fields does not claim responsibility for the move, Nachbar, who, at the time, was his boss.

"The city has never done that before and has not done it since," he said. "I don't know why Nachbar charged those costs against Ladbroke."

Nor does Brodsky see it as a move the city has made. "That definitely was a mistake," he was not aware of it at the time.

These are the bees in the CRG's bonnet. The most remarkable is that no one on staff or the Council questioned the ethics of that," said referring to the newsletter. "(The deficit) became of the main themes of the campaign."

In an election won by 186 votes, who is to say effect a 20 percent exaggeration in budget projections might have done, or how many votes might have been swayed by the knowledge of Ladbroke paying city newsletter which perpetuated a nonexistent cast? It certainly seems to have left a bad taste in the mouths of those who lost. Amid the debate, the name-calling, there is one facet of the story which everyone seems to agree on: the CRG's story set deeply, they are not going anywhere.

violated the California Environmental Quality Act, not performing an environmental impact report on the election.

Although the CRG lost the case in Superior Court last year, insiders believe the true test will come in an appeal level.

While Berkeley filed an amicus brief on behalf of CRG in April 1996, the Sierra Club declined to do so in February after Albany and Ladbroke signed an agreement promising an EIR on the proposed cardroom prior to its construction.

The case, which was initiated in February 1995, now make the rounds at the appellate level. It was previously anticipated that a decision may be forthcoming until the end of the year.

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Loubal said his viewpoint is based on "the sale of the house next door to us," "the sale of the house around the corner from us," and the "attempted sale of a house opposite from us."

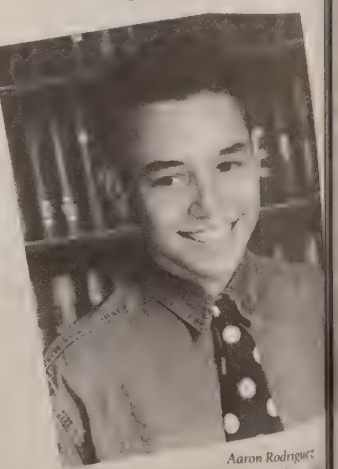
Loubal agrees that the price of homes has declined recently in El Cerrito generally but believes the Del Norte area decline has been "above and beyond the rest."

At the same time, he would like to be proven wrong. If houses assess higher with a theater, "those of us who want to could sell our homes and move to the El Cerrito Hills," he said.

He would like the city of El Cerrito to hire a "more competent assessor who could really determine the affect is" one way or another.

"I'm in favor of that," he said. "I'm concerned about this; I want this neighborhood to prosper. If I'm wrong, we'll be better off."

"That's what redevelopment should do...entirely the value of the neighborhood."



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ask us all the time "When is the best time to sell my house?" It seems to think that summer is the best because people want to settle before the kids go to school. For some buyers this is true, and sellers want to move in summer. Also in summer gardens pretty and windows stay clean. It's usually raining so people tracking mud into the house. For painting and roofing are easily accomplished. And days allow light for after-workday house showings. We were excited, as we always are. We hung our sign, prepared fliers and floor plans, mailed out announcements to agents, and or-

heads, gathered their money, talked about and looked at what they can afford.

This might happen after they've filed their income tax return. Or upon receiving a job advancement or pay raise. Or with a new romance. Or an inheritance. Some buyers already own a house and need a change, want to have more space to live in—or less.

There are a lot of year-round reasons for buying but it is probably true that more people concentrate on looking at houses during the warmer, longer-day months, so more sales occur then.

With perhaps one exception: August is slow.

We first noticed the August thing a few years ago. We had a new listing, one we were sure would attract a lot of attention. The seller had planned to get his house ready in June, but with one thing and another, it wasn't until the last week of July that we listed it.

We were excited, as we always are. We hung our sign, prepared fliers and floor plans, mailed out announcements to agents, and or-

dered food for the tour. We advertised the house with a flourish, and with high spirits, held it open.

What a disappointment. People did come, agents and the public, but not nearly the number we had expected.

Afterwards the house wasn't shown much and we weren't getting phone calls from agents about it.

The next week the agents' tour list seemed short but it wasn't until we were out looking at the new listings and found them as sparsely attended as ours had been that we began to wonder what was up.

"How's business?" we asked friends we saw, and "Where is everyone?"

"All my clients are on vacation and just about everyone in my office is too," came the answer.

The same thing happened the next August, and the next. This isn't to say that nothing at all happens in August. As I said, houses do sell all year. But if you are a would-be seller, you might want to consider this August thing.

It's possible that you will want

to wait until September to put your house on the market when the swallows, so to speak, return.

In order to decide, you'll need to think about your own situation and who your buyer is likely to be. Houses that sell for a premium in a matter of days and often to the highest bidder are the charming ones in sought-after locations.

These houses are in superior condition, are usually located fairly close to "in" shopping and coffee, and frequently boast leafy trees and outdoor privacy. (There are other very-easily-sold houses: delightful ones with huge bay views or very large lots, for example.)

The successful buyers of such houses move quickly, definitively. They see what they want and they move to get it. Most are very busy people working at jobs that engage them for long hours and pay them enough to buy the houses that fit their fantasy and need nothing fixed.

They are often buying their first house, and have no time or inclination to do more than move in, then go back to work, or move in, then go out to dinner and the symphony,

rock climbing or the gym or, when possible, to Maui.

If you think these are the likely buyers of your house, consider this: you will want all of them be around when you are ready to sell. Because if they or their agents are sitting on a beach in Maui—something that is apparently more likely to occur in August—you will not sell immediately and you will probably sell for less.

There are other buyers, of course. Many people can not buy the house "everyone" wants to buy. They cannot compete for the house they would love to have because they lack the money, or they haven't arranged financing, or they can't make up their minds quickly, or they need the approval of a parent who is not immediately available.

Others specifically seek less expensive fixer houses that they can improve. And some are simply taking their time to find the most space at the best price possible. Many will look at houses for months or years. They'll look in a number of neighborhoods, often different cities, and will do so at most any time of the

year. So the question of whether to put your house on the market in August or in "early spring" (another season favored by many) or even during Thanksgiving week will depend on a number of things, but mainly on you, your situation, your house, and who will be buying it.

Do you have a house that you and your agent expect will sell overnight? Have you bought another house or committed to a job out of state? Is your house located in an area where many houses are for sale, and they're all sitting?

You may have to deal with the fact that most buyers don't know your neighborhood because it's too far away from things, or it is perceived as being crime-ridden (even if it isn't), or for other reasons will appeal only to a few.

Any of these things can be the deciding factor in choosing the time of year when you market your house.

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East Bay's Victorian era dawn as Italianate style blossoms

By Rosamond Palmer

The Victorian Era

Architectural scholars agree that Victorian era domestic architecture reached its zenith in California. But California Victorian really blossomed in the East Bay suburbs of San Francisco, especially Oakland, Alameda, Berkeley, and Benicia. These leafy communities on the rolling slopes of the Coast Range were conducive to real Victorian era houses, which demanded room to spill out with verandas, side wings, porticos, and conservatories, and the East Bay gained a far-flung reputation for its elegant mansions and tasteful cottages.

Although much has been lost to modern development, pockets of neighborhoods are living outdoor museums of all the popular house types of the Victorian era. Within each type there is almost infinite variety and no two houses are alike. The survivors of the nineteenth century are treasured reminders of the East Bay's beginnings and this sense of history helps to give this region its reputation for livability.

Victorians still line whole blocks in areas of West Oakland, providing a taste of life in Victorian times. Turn a corner in an nondescript neighborhood in East Oakland and your eyes may catch the telltale "witch's hat" of a magnificent Queen Anne or you may stumble on the best remaining Stick-Eastlake house in the East Bay.

For serious lovers of Victorian architecture, Benicia and Alameda are must-sees. A drive through Alameda's Gold Coast with its stun-

ning Queen Anne mansions will give you the full flavor of a truly elegant Victorian community. And though Berkeley is best known for its revolutionary architecture at the turn of the century, several hundred Victorian homes and churches still survive there.

The three major Victorian era styles of the mid- to late-nineteenth century were the expressive architecture of Italianate, San Francisco Stick with its variation Stick-Eastlake, and Queen Anne. As each new style came on the scene, combinations of styles often cropped up, such as Queen Anne-Eastlake or Italianate-Eastlake. This series on the history of East Bay architecture continues with a look at these major Victorian styles.

Italianate, circa mid-1860's to 1890

In the 1850s much of the East Bay was still rural. Although most of the settlements had plain structures, there were scatterings of Victorian Gothic, especially in the early church structures, and also modified Greek Revival. By the end of the next decade, however, there would be considerable architectural refinement.

The mid-1860s ushered in the Victorian Italianate style, a tall and stately California adaptation of stone structures built in seventeenth century Italy. Popularized by English and American pattern books, the California style used native red-

wood and Douglas fir in masonry or marble.

The style arrived just in time for the great real estate boom of the 1870s. Thanks to the reduced balloon frame and parts catalog, hundreds of homes were erected for far less than the cost of the Italianate style.

The building spree came with Oakland's becoming minus for the transcontinental road—the first overland route reached the Pacific Coast with stops in several towns—regular ferry across the Bay, the completion of the Golden Gate Bridge, and the opening of the University of California at Berkeley.

The Italianate style predominated for two decades in both the neighborhoods of Oakland, San Francisco and the smaller communities of the East Bay. San Francisco, where the style was first developed, was restricted to a full flowering of the narrower Italianate rowhouse built. But in the East Bay, the style permitted such luxuries as side and side bays, and variations as mansion-sized villas and one-story cottages.

The three main characteristics of the Italianate style are: a flat roofline (a projecting cornice supported by curved brackets), rounded, classical ornamentation, and a low-pitched roof.

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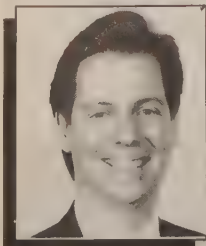
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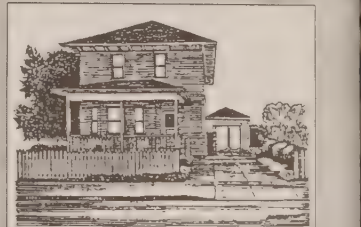
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Oakland History Room

Italianate, the home of Curtis Forrest, once stood at 28th and Webster in downtown Oakland. The house is complemented by a second Empire style carriage house with a mansard roof.

Italian...

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as columned porticos. The elements are largely to the cornice, bays, windows, and porch or portico. Sometimes the corners of a bay may be lined with wooden blocks resembling columns. Windows have distinctive window hoods, a frieze (a decorative band), or a keystone (a fanciful ornament crowning the trim over an arch).

Windows are tall and carry the eye upward. They may be either flat-front or bay. The bay-windowed Italianates are usually a three-windowed slanted bay projected from the facade of the house.

Double-hung windows may be arched or rectangular, with pilasters or colonettes (a slim, column-like ornament) flanking the sides and topped with either a window hood, a frieze (a decorative

band), or a keystone (a fanciful ornament crowning the trim over an arch).

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ing near the ceiling.

Camron-Stanford House

The Camron-Stanford House (1876) at 1418 Lakeside Drive in Oakland is one of the best examples of this style and the last of an enclave of Victorians that once ringed Lake Merritt. The home's interior has been exquisitely restored by master craftspeople and is open to the public on Wednesdays and Sundays.

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A year ago the 30-year fixed rate was 7.63 percent.

After rising for six consecutive weeks, the starting rate for 1-year Treasury-indexed adjustable-rate mortgages (ARMs) finally fell four basis points to 5.94 percent from last week's average of 5.98 percent.

A year ago, the starting rate for the one-year ARM was 5.86 percent.

The average for 15-year fixed-rate mortgages, a popular option in the refinancing arena, was down 13 basis points from last week's figure of 7.80 percent to 7.67 percent. A year ago, the 15-year interest rate was 7.11 percent.

"The market seems to be

less worried about the Fed raising rates and less worried about inflation, which has remained under control; this led to a decline in interest rates this week," said Freddie Mac Chief Economist Robert Van Order.

"However, whatever decision the Fed announces will still have a direct impact on what rates do in the near future."

Freddie Mac is a stockholder-owned corporation chartered by Congress in 1970 to create a continuous flow of funds to mortgage lenders.

On June 28 the Federal Home Loan Bank Board pegged the 11th District Cost of Funds Index (COFI) for July payments at 4.823 percent, down from the 4.841 percent that was in effect for June payments.

The COFI is the index widely used by the savings and loan industry for its adjustable rate mortgages.

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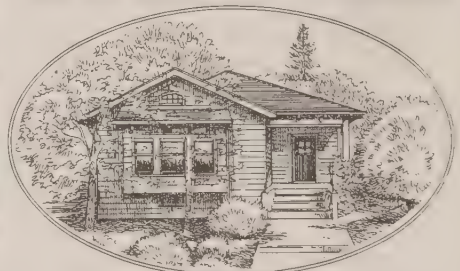


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The last survivor of the Victorian era homes that once bejeweled Lake Merritt the Camron-Stanford house has been lovingly restored. Call 836-1976 to arrange a tour.

Italian...

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amples of restored Italianate houses in Oakland in the following areas: Preservation Park (Victorians

moved to a site at 12th Street between Castro and Martin Luther King, Jr. Way), Victorian Row (the best survivors of Oakland's Victorian commercial center at 9th Street between Broadway and Washington), and the area known as Oak

Center, located in West Oakland (northwest of the 980 freeway).

The large Italianate villa variation—typified by a low-pitched hip or gabled roof whose eaves are supported by brackets; a square, central tower or cupola above the

roofline; a Classical balustraded portico; and round-arched windows—required ample space of half a block or more.

The style was derived from late eighteenth-century paintings of Italian landscapes.

The Pardee Home Museum

During the Victorian era many of these homes were built in the East Bay but few remain. One outstanding surviving example, the Pardee Home (1868) at 672 -11th Street in downtown Oakland, is also among Oakland's finest surviving Victorians in its original setting. It has a classical symmetry and graceful features, and to give the proper Renaissance appearance of stone construction, the wood siding is scored and quoins have been placed on the corners.

The original water tower and carriage house still stand on the property. The house and grounds are open for tours on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. The Pardee home is unique among home museums not only because it remained within one family for three generations, but it has been left intact since the last family member died—as if the family just stepped out for a few minutes.

Another excellent example is the Meek Mansion (1869) on Hampton Road in San Lorenzo. The grounds are now a park, open to the public,

and restoration of the interior is planned.

It was at this time that the architects and builders, catering to the individualism in the era, began to improvise, mixing, experimenting with form, venting details. Another mode of the era—the French sard, with its eccentric roof of four steeply sloped multiple dormer windows blithely wedged to Italian bay windows, to veranda to Gothic gingerbread.

But no sooner had the style taken hold than the popular "Stick" architectural style into vogue. The style, which emphasized straight lines and angles, boasted an overall form and adornment—clear action to the Italianate's rounded, three-dimensional treatment. In its purest form the least ornate of the Victorian and the first architectural style invented by American architects.

Next Week: the "Stick"

Rosamond Palmer is a freelance writer and editor.

Check out Garden Center tomorrow

The Oakland East Bay Garden Center, Inc. has a library with emphasis on books on plants, gardening and horticulture.

The library has 300 reference books and 900 circulating books. The books are available to Bay Area

residents for an annual fee.

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PRESTIGIOUS PIEDMONT HOME \$598,000
Immaculate Piedmont contemporary with SF Bay view. Newly painted inside & out. Beautiful hardwood floors, large living room with fireplace, large family room. 223 Estates Dr.
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NEW LISTING - BERKELEY \$589,000
Classic Claremont traditional 4+ BR, 2.5BA, hardwood floors, natural wood panels, beamed ceiling, 2 fireplaces, formal dining room w/b??. Close to everything.
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NEW ON THE MARKET \$529,000
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GOLDEN GATE VIEWS - BRAND NEW \$515,000
Stunning dramatic 3BR, 2.5BA traditional on large lot. Outstanding architectural details. Great level play area or garden potential.
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HOUSE BEAUTIFUL \$379,000
You'll love the space and style in this unique and distinguished home 3BR, 2.5BA cathedral ceilings, original wood and huge public rooms. Home/work & gym.
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JUST LISTED! UPPER ROCKRIDGE \$335,000
Charming traditional. 3BR, 2.5BA. 1st time on market since 1975. Lovingly cared for. Truly a gem. Large spacious rooms.
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Central Rockridge location on cul-de-sac affords convenience to shops, BART & schools features 3BR, formal dining, hardwood floors, built-ins, sunny garden.
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LIKE TO LUXURIATE?\$525,000
Montclair 4BR, 3BA pano bay view home. Soaring ceilings, light filled spaces, magnificent marble! Nearly new. 2 fireplaces, bleached hardwood. OH THE SUNSETS!
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At end of cul-de-sac this 10 year old 3000 sq ft custom home on 25 acre lot awaits you. Truly exceptional quality home. CAROL COHEN 339-8400

GRACIOUS TRADITIONAL\$419,000
Stunning upper Rockridge home near Claremont Pines. 3BR, 2+BA. Rumpus room w/separate entrance. E-Z walk to College Ave.
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TRADITIONAL FAMILY HOME\$399,500
Crocker Highland. Just listed 2-story spacious living room, formal dining room. Best location. Excellent move-in condition. Remodeled kitchen w/eat-in. Open Sun 1-4, 708 Longridge.
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PANORAMIC VIEW & LOTS OF SPACE!\$399,000
Stunning pano of S.F., 2 bridges, downtown Oakland and the Bay! Large rooms, high ceilings, many windows take full advantage of the tree-studded setting. 4000 sq ft.
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EASY ESTATE LIVING\$385,000
You'll love the lifestyle of this spacious 5BR, 3BA mansion on Piedmont border. New kitchen & bath. 2 private bedroom suites, bay view, large yard, big basement & much more.
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Redwood Heights. Pool, au-pair and lots of space to grow on quiet cul-de-sac of Redwood woods setting. Open Sun 2-4:30, 4223 Reinhardt Dr.
ROSEMARY GREENE 635-9842

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Sunny & spacious w/sunken living room, formal dining, country kitchen. Huge garden w/flowers and vegetables on quiet tree-lined street. Open Sun, 2-4:30, 5552 Estates.
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VIEW & VALUE = VICTORY!\$292,000
Vote for your wallet & lifestyle. Gorgeous 3 yr old, 3BR, 2.5BA chef's kitchen with family room. Glamorous master suite with knockout SF views!
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LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION!\$289,500
Gorgeous Piedmont Pines. Wide corner lot, 3BR, 2BA, huge "great room", all on one level. Beautiful plank hardwood under carpet. Need TLC. Make offer!
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SAN FRANCISCO BAY VIEWS\$289,000
Just enjoy life! Corian kitchen, jacuzzi bath, family room w/fireplace, even basketball hoop! Tudor w/4BR, 2BA. Open Sunday 5:30-8:30, San Leandro.
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NO NEED TO LIFT A FINGER\$289,000
Great cash flow, pride of ownership building, (2) 2BR, 1BA units & 1 studio unit. 2 garage parking, near Lake Merritt. Comm. Laundry. Small yard, newer roof 2.5 yrs old. Call today.
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STYLE AND QUALITY\$282,500
There's a wonderful feeling in this traditional home in the classic convenient Lakeshore district. 3+BR, large private yard, updated kitchen & much more. Open Sun, 2-4:30, 631 Wala Vista.
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CROCKER HIGHLANDS TRADITIONAL\$280,000
Open Sunday. Split level, 3BR, 2BA, sunken living room w/rplc h/dwd and parquet floors throughout, convenient commute, attached 2 car garage. Call today!
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Just steps from park trails, this pretty 3BR, 2BA traditional also boasts a bay view, gardens & wonderful outdoor living.
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3+BR, 2BA, 1 X 17 enclosed patio room. Backyard w/rplc trees. Located half block from beach. Move-in condition. Open Sat/Sun 2:30-4:30.
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Stylish contemp, reduced to sell, all new expansive decks, upgraded kitchen & baths, 3BR, 2BA h/dwd floors, perfect floor plan for shared living, call today!
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JUST LISTED!\$249,000
Piedmont Avenue convenience plus bright and spacious home add up to tremendous value! Hardwood floors, master suite, garden, family room off kitchen. Open Sun, 2-4:30, 19 Ramona.
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GLORIOUS GLENVIEW\$245,000
AAA-1 condition, charming bungalow, new roof, bath & kitchen, you can just move-in.
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DUPLEX LAKESHORE HIGHLANDS!\$245,000
You won't beat this deal! 2 large 1BR units w/fireplace, garage parking, laundry. Needs TLC but what a buy! Super area! Best buy around. Look it over.
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VICTORIAN TREASURE\$229,000
Redone and ready to move in! Lots of extra space besides 4BR, full attic & basement. 2 fireplaces. Garage & parking pad. Don't delay on this!
ELAINE JONES 547-5715

LINCOLN HEIGHTS - TOTAL REMODEL\$239,000
Perfection throughout. New quality kitchen plus 3 new baths. Master suite w/peep-of-bay view. Old world detail, tastefully updated. Open Sunday, 2-4:30.
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HANDYPERSON'S SPECIAL\$229,000
Glenview home needs paint, flooring and TLC to bring many years of enjoyment, sunny yard, master bedroom w/large dressing room, upper Glenview location!
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GLENVIEW NEW OFFERING\$224,000
Lots of warmth & character is felt in this 2+BR bungalow. Built-in bookshelves & hutch plus hardwood flrs. Plus room for nursery/den/home office. Level yard!
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MONTCLAIR CUTIE\$217,000
Partial Bay view from this 3BR that is easily expanded. Quiet street. Needs some TLC but is good value. Access to good elementary school & to shops & bus.
LYN MURRAY 339-8400

942 EVELYN\$210,000
Want small town - Good schools, good coffee, stroll to Solano Ave 2+BR, flexible floorplan for home office!
JENNIE LIPPINCOTT 655-7137

BRIGHT PERFECTION IN ALAMEDA\$209,500
Box beam dining room ceiling, lovely entry, front porch, large kitchen w/breakfast nook. Private yard-all can be yours. View this charmer now! Open Sun 2-4:30, 1822 Nason.
EDITH MARCUS 339-9281

BUY OF A LIFETIME\$189,500
It's the deal you've been waiting for. 4BR, 2BA traditional w/hwd flrs, FDR w/built-ins, eat-in kit, unfinished basement, LR w/fireplace. Needs some work!
NAHID NASSIRI 531-1670

MAXWELL PARK BEAUTY\$189,000
4BR, 2BA, generous living rm/dining rm freshly painted inside and out, master suite, large sun-filled back yard w/rplc trees. Newer roof & pest clearance.
SUE WILLIAMS 339-8400

COUNTRY FRESH KITCHEN\$174,800
In this Craftsman home with a park like yard. Freshly painted, gleaming hardwood floors, lots of light & charm. Big basement for ample storage, truly a rare find.
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You'll find a 3+ bedrooms/1+ bath home w/complete in-law w/bdrm, bath, kitchen & separate entrance. Sunroom, backyard w/bay view. Located in Maxwell Park. OWC 2nd.
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ROSE PARK TERRACE CONDOMINIUM\$159,950
One of Oakland's most desired condominiums. 2BR, 1BA overlooking beautiful Rose Garden, spacious living room w/fireplace, updated kitchen, custom bathroom, security bldg w/underground parking.
CHARLENE CLAYBAUGH 339-8400

STOP, LOOK, AND LISTEN\$159,500
Millsmont. Oversized 2 bedroom on double level lot in the hills. Fireplace, FDR, double garage, huge patio. Just reduced and owners motivated.
KEN FERRELL 339-8400

OVERLOOKING THE ROSE GARDEN\$159,000
Stroll through Rose Garden to Grand Lake shopping, or head to Piedmont Ave! 2BR, 1BA, fireplace, Rose Park Terrace cond: roof sundeck, security parking.
HELEN NICHOLAS 339-8400

READY FOR FIRST TIME BUYER\$149,500
This home is full of surprises from the large living room & eat-in kitchen to the new 2-car garage. Move in condition on a large level lot. Take a look!
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A VIEW FOR UNDER \$150,000\$149,000
That's right from this cozy bungalow you can see forever. 3BR, 2BA home. Spacious living room w/fireplace lots of storage area. A great value.
MORRIE FEIGENBERG 547-6975

BERKELEY BARGAIN!\$139,000
Spacious, level cute, close to Ashby BART. Needs some TLC but well worth it. 3BR, 1BA corner location. Original owners now renting.
MARIA SINCLAIR 287-9586

HALF YEAR TAX DEDUCTIONS GONE\$129,000
If you lost the first half year tax deductions don't lose the 2nd half 2+BR, 1+BA, hardwood floors, fireplace, basement, large sunny kitchen, back yard w/rplc trees, hot tub.
NICK LAVROV 339-8400

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Just listed! Cute one bedroom with "plus" space. Split-level floorplan, FDR, fireplace, deck, Rose Garden. Beats a condo anytime!
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WHY PAY RENT?\$99,999
Cottage on private lane, 2BR, 1BA, random plank h/dwd floors, living room w/fireplace, breakfast room overlooking patio garden, laundry rm, attached garage.
CHARLENE CLAYBAUGH 339-8400

BUILDER'S CLOSEOUT\$99,000
One third acre lot in quiet wooded setting! Bay view and complete plans, surveys, ready for permit. Owner interested in trade for more property.
PATRICIA BENNETT 482-9000

TIME'S RUNNING OUT!\$57,500
To take advantage of this offer! Extremely well located condo w/pool, sauna & many extras! Perfect for student-why pay rent? Call for a private showing.
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BEC offers classes and five-day workshop

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BEC's annual five-day "Hands-On Intensive" is on tap

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This is your last chance for a great deal on this lovely home! Large garden and great neighborhood, walk to school, 3BR, 1.5BA, family room.
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MONTCLAIR SCHOOLS \$359,000
Only five years old excellent home/office set-up, 4BR, 3BA conveniently located for all areas. High ceilings, hardwood floors, deck.
JAZZANNE YAMAMOTO 428-0900

SUNDAY IN THE PARK \$324,000
Your own private park! 5 acre, 3BR, 3BA, downstairs ramp suitable for au pair. Light, airy and extremely private. Walk to the village.
CAROLYN JONES 428-0900, 644-5426

REDMONT-SIDE-MONTCLAIR! \$316,000
Reduced & motivated! Adorable 2+BR/2BA cottage. Room to expand. Updated but retains quaint architectural details. Hardwood floors. Large deck. Huge wooded site. S. OAKLEY 428-0900

AREA'S BEST VALUE! \$279,000
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You won't need that pesky lawn mower in this pristine 3BR 2BA home. You'll also have 2 additional plus rooms suitable for in-law and rumpus. A fabulous buy!
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ARTISTIC PENTHOUSE \$259,000
Unusual view, unusual decor, 2BR, 2BA in classy building, serene yet close to all.
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WALK IN ROCKRIDGE FOR \$209,000
Small and cute cottage above College Avenue can be used as 3BR, detached garage, very private yard. Best bargain in Rockridge. PASCAL FOREST 845-0200

CHARMING VICTORIAN 3 PLEX \$189,000
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Above 580! 3BR, 2BA excellent condition. Updated kitchen, detached garage converted into professional air conditioned music studio. TERENCE JUE 524-2526

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Charming 2BR in Diamond area. New paint, updated kitchen and bath. Great backyard w/hot tub. Nice, friendly street. C. SHINN, M. MCNEILL 428-0900

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TRY THIS ONE FOR "SIGHS" \$159,000
From the front porch to the rear deck, this Glenview home oozes charm! Don't miss the spacious kitchen with pantry, window seat and bath with a pedestal sink.
CATHY MOULTON, 644-5480

INVESTOR'S DELIGHT \$148,000
Just listed. This triplex which is an old victorian with lots of possibilities, upcoming neighborhood.
GAYNELL ESTLE 834-2010

ON THE WATERFRONT \$139,000
Sunny & bright 2BR, 2BA condo next to Jack London Square. Close to S.F. Ferry. Pool, sauna, tennis, recreation room. Sunny & bright top floor unit.
MONICA ROHRER 849-3711, 273-9328

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Just listed two new 1BR condos on Oakland's only waterfront. Walk to Jack London Square, enjoy the scenery. GAYNELL ESTLE 834-2010

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Berkeley Hills with pano views! Aggressively priced! Open Sun 2-4. Light-filled, 2 studies. Architecturally designed family room with French doors. Extra large garden. HELENE BARKIN 849-3711, 273-9312

RARE VIEW HOME IN ALBANY \$295,000
3BR, 2.5BA, 2-car garage, hardwood floors, big kitchen, all living space 1 level except bonus room down! Reduced! Motivated! For more info e-mail Lloyd Jung@aol.com. LLOYD JUNG 526-5143, 232-9699

LOVE THIS PRICE! \$289,000
For this beautiful 3-plus Albany MacGregor home. Move right in. Enjoy the new kitchen, the freshly painted rooms and the drop-dead-gorgeous garden. Gleaming! WENDY BAKKENTA 524-2526

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Elegant, spacious 2BR, 2BA condo with parking, pool, washer/dryer. Great area for walking, shopping, transportation.
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BROWN SHINGLE TOWNHOUSE \$199,000
Spacious, woody feeling in this 2BR, 1.5BA 2 level home with fireplace & 2-car parking. French doors to garden, enclosed patio. High ceilings, newer construction. Walk to U.C.
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Special sunny 2BR condo with S.E. view. 1 car assigned parking, minutes to campus. Generous storage.
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THREE BRIDGE VIEW! \$325,000
Kensington 227 Trinity open Sun 2-4. 3+BR, 3BA, move-in condition, nice backyard, convenient yet private, many upgrades. CHRIS NEDDERSEN 526-5143

SWEET BAY VIEWS \$279,000
Gracious classic tudor has charming details plus the luxury of new tile baths, 4BR, formal dining room, eat-in kitchen; plus room in basement, easy commute!
CAROL HEATH-KIM 527-9800

ELEGANT SPACE! \$257,500
Over 2400 sq. ft. of living area! Vaulted ceilings and curving stairway add to the appeal. Large house, large lot, small price! JULIANA 524-2526 or 644-5221

RARE EL CERRITO VICTORIAN \$249,000
Charming 3BR, 2 new bath victorian has new kitchen, new roof, central heat, formal dining room, extra large lot for RV or boat, huge basement with rumpus, plus rooms & workshop! CAROL HEATH-KIM 527-9800

6-UNIT DIVORCE SALE!!! \$189,500
All units currently rented! Great buy at approximately 6.15 GRM. New roof, near public library, transportation. Motivated sellers. For more information e-mail: Lloyd Jung@aol.com. LLOYD JUNG 526-5143, 282-9699

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RICHMOND ANNEX BUNGALOW! \$129,000
Surrounded by wonderful gardens filled with fruit trees! 2BR's, hardwood floors throughout! Fireplace! Sunny & bright! LORRI ARAZI 849-3711, 287-8858

ALAMEDA

ALAMEDA CHARMER \$159,000
Quaint brown shingle. Upgraded kitchen, high ceilings, excellent condition. Move right in. Well priced and charming too! TERENCE JUE 524-2526

LOTS

UPPER ROCKRIDGE VIEW LOT \$175,000
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CLAIRE CUNNINGHAM 428-0900, 644-5434

OAKMORE VIEW LOT \$115,000
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CLAIRE CUNNINGHAM 428-0900, 644-5434

Events

The Events Calendar does not accept-for-profit listings. Announcements for these events can be made in our classified section by calling 339-8777. Listings are made on a space available basis.

Malou Cole and Jack Solomon of Controlco, will present **Carbon Monoxide Detection** at the Golden Gate Chapter of the American Society of Home Inspectors (ASHI) monthly meeting at 7 p.m., Thurs., July 11 at Hs. Lordships Restaurant at the Berkeley Marina. House inspectors who belong to ASHI or those interested in joining are invited to attend. Call Dermot O'Kelly

at 549-9335 for more information.

Truitt and White Lumber Company, 642 Hearst Ave., Berkeley invites you to see the light at its **Summer Tool Sale and Bar-B-Que**, with hot dogs, popcorn and soda. Thurs., July 11 and Fri., July 12. Experience roof windows and skylights at the **VELUX Showmobile** on Friday and experience for yourself the advantages of affordable skylights. Marvin Windows and Doors Truckload Sale shows that you can have it all: beauty, style, security, energy efficiency and proper fit. Call 841-0511 for more information.

West Contra Costa County Waste Management presents a free **Home Composting Workshop**, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Sat., July 13, at the El Cerrito Senior Center, 6500 Stockton St. Learn how to recycle organic "garbage" by composting. Call 215-3021 for more information.

The nonprofit Building Education Center (BEC), 812 Page St., Berkeley presents **Fences and Garden Structures: Hands On**, Sat., July 13. **Power Tools for Beginners: Hands-On and Home Inspection For Buyers and Sellers of Older Homes** are on the agenda for Sun. July 14. Call BEC at 525-7610 for more information.

The City of Oakland Tours Program offers free walking tours of the city. **Tour Chinatown**, 10 a.m. Sat. July 13. Walk through Oakland's bustling Asian center. Experience the fresh fish, barbecued ducks, exotic fruits and vegetables of the fifth largest Chinatown in the United States. Meet at the Pacific Renaissance Plaza Fountain at 9th and Webster. Call 238-3234 for more information on these and other tours.

Join the Oakland Heritage Alliance (OHA) for a walking tour of the F.M. "Borax" Smith Estate, 10 a.m. to noon., Sat. July 13. Meet at the McKinley Ave. and Home Place one block off Park Blvd. Phil Bellman will lead you through the remnants of the lavish estate in-

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Picket Fence Charm



6294 BULLARD DRIVE

Romantic 2+BR, 2BA cottage with expansion potential. Beautiful Piedmont side of Montclair location among much more expensive homes. Convenient stroll to Montclair Village. Tastefully updated yet maintains quaint architectural details such as hardwood floors and pitched beam ceiling. Large private deck on huge wooded site

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| 32 GRAVATT DRIVE, CLAREMONT - 3BD/3+BA.....\$810,000 Stunning new construction by top builder, pano bay views. Patricia Scott | 1 LODGE COURT, MONTCLAIR - 2BD/2BA.....\$310,000 Wooded & private yet close-in, huge mst suite, yard. Dee Dee Bonham |
| 65 VICENTE ROAD, BERKELEY - 4BD/3BA.....\$775,000 Charming new Medit, highest quality, choice location. Joanna Gould | 7110 THORNHILL DRIVE, MONTCLAIR - 3+BD/2BA.....\$299,000 Updated kit, formal DR, family rm leads to sunny level yard. Kathy Flynn |
| 6511 LONGWALK DRIVE, MONTCLAIR - 3BD/3BA.....\$595,000 Reduced! Expansive SF bay views, kitchen rm opens to patio Tom Wurst | 2200 TIFFIN ROAD, OAKMORE - 3BD/3BA.....\$299,000 Reduced! Warm & charming rumpus, fam rm, cook's kit. Sandi Klemmer |
| 6477 MELVILLE, MONTCLAIR - 4+BD/3BA.....\$539,000 Just listed! Top quality, kitchen/family rm, level patio/yard. Lee Jacobson | 33 MELVIN COURT, MONTCLAIR - 2+BD/2BA.....\$298,000 Sunny contemporary on cul-de-sac, formal DR, fam rm. Wendy Gardner |
| 6117 ASCOT DRIVE, MONTCLAIR - 5BD/3BA.....\$460,000 Just listed! Dramatic country, bay views, fam rm, mst ste. Rosalie Woods | 451 TAURUS AVENUE, MONTCLAIR - 2+BD/1+BA.....\$279,000 Private gardens, fam rm with frpl & separate entry, hot tub. Kathy Flynn |
| 100 ESTATES DRIVE, PIEDMONT - 3BD/2BA.....\$449,000 Contemporary, rumpus, hwd floors, bay view, near train. Francis Heath | 1034 TREBLE GLEN, CROCKER HIGHLANDS - 2BD/1+BA.....\$269,000 Just listed! Large rms, updated kit, private patio garden. Wendy Gardner |
| 1635 ARROWHEAD DRIVE, MONTCLAIR - 4BD/2+BA.....\$439,000 Level-in contemp, cook's kit, fam rm, serene wooded setting. Teri Carlisle | 658 JEAN STREET, ROSE, GARDEN - 3BD/1BA.....\$239,000 Reduced! Charming, formal dining, hwd floors, retrofitted. Pat Dedekian |
| 159 ST. JAMES DRIVE, PIEDMONT - 3BD/3BA.....\$425,000 Beautiful lush tree setting, large family room, 2 decks. Sally Morrison | 5646 THORNHILL DRIVE, MONTCLAIR - 3BD/2BA.....\$239,000 Just listed! Excellent condition, walk to village, 2-car gar. Chuck Corwin |
| 6167 VIEWCREST DRIVE, RIDGEMONT - 3+BD/2+BA.....\$364,000 Wonderful views, light & bright, kit/fam rm, level back yard. Robyn Mohr | 2315 ARROWHEAD DRIVE, MONTCLAIR - 3BD/2BA.....\$233,000 Good value, good location! Spacious contemp cosmetic fixer. Kirk Phillips |
| 4071 OAKMORE ROAD, OAKMORE - 3+BD/2+BA.....\$329,000 Immaculate Tudor in wooded setting, fam rm, 2 decks, hot tub. Dick Cohen | 1358 HEARST AVENUE, NORTH BERKELEY - 2BD/1BA.....\$195,000 Best location, separate office, frpl, FDR, deck, level yard. Ann Nichols |
| 1433 BARROWS RD, CROCKER HIGHLANDS - 3BD/2BA.....\$328,000 Lovely English, large master suite, deck, Japanese garden. Joan Daniel | 3107 KINGSLAND, MAXWELL PARK - 3BD/1BA.....\$159,500 Bright bungalow, great condition, hwd flrs, formal DR. Vicki Woodhead |
| 456 FLORENCE AVE, UPPER ROCKRIDGE - 3BD/2BA.....\$328,000 Bright traditional, lovely level-out fenced yard and deck. Brooks Anderson | 2903 CARMEL STREET, LAUREL - 2BD/1+BA.....\$155,000 1300 sq ft townhouse with sep entry, frpl, in-unit laundry. Nancy Chew |
| 9193 YOSEMITE, PIEDMONT AVE - 3/2-2/1.....\$315,000 Grand Victorian duplex, many upgrades, walk to Piedmont Ave. Joan Dark | |

BY APPOINTMENT

PIEDMONT

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| EXCEPTIONAL ESTATE.....\$2,450,000 Wonderful park-like grounds, 5BD/4+BA, chef's kitchen, family room, library, au pair, rumpus, elevator, pool. Joan Daniel | SPECTACULAR SF BAY VIEW.....\$759,000 Elegantly remodeled! 4BD/2+BA, cook's kitchen, family room with fireplace, private well landscaped yard. Martha Holstlaw |
| ELEGANCE AND GRACE.....\$1,950,000 Designed by William Wurster, this property offers 6BD/4BA, library w/frpl, gorgeous gardens, pool & play area. Sally Morrison | WILDWOOD GARDENS.....\$749,900 Reduced! Lovely trad accented by wonderful old world details. 5BD/3BA, au pair, beautiful English gardens. Sandi Klemmer |
| BEAUTIFUL TRADITIONAL.....\$1,720,000 Great day to day living & elegant entertaining. 5BD/4.5BA, au pair, library, family rm, rec rm. Sally Morrison/Dee Dee Bonham | PRIVATE SETTING.....\$699,000 Level-in, beautifully remodeled, superb kitchen, 5BD/3+BA, playroom, formal DR, wonderful indoor/outdoor living. Robyn Mohr |
| STUNNING DESIGN.....\$1,050,000 Dramatic architecture in a very private setting. 4BD/3+BA, large family room, beautiful courtyard and pool. Georgia Cornell | GREAT SUMMER LIVING!.....\$495,000 Enjoy outdoor living pool side in a lovely garden setting. 3BD/2BA, family room, French doors open to deck. Martha Holstlaw |
| UNSURPASSED CHARM.....\$849,000 Authentic English Tudor with leaded glass windows, hwd floors throughout, 3BD/2+BA, 3 fireplaces, many extras. Sally Morrison | CONVENIENT LOCATION.....\$405,000 Wonderful traditional conveniently located. 4BD/3BA, kitchen/family rm, opens to deck, au pair with sep entrance. Ann Nichols |

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| EXQUISITE CONTEMPORARY.....\$589,000 Private garden setting with bay views. Dramatic entry. 4BD/3+BA, FDR, gorgeous kit/fam rm, many extras. Wendy Gardner | GLENVIEW TRADITIONAL.....\$254,000 Charming home with beautiful south bay views from new deck. 4BD/1.5BA, updated kit, hwd flrs, ldsdcd yard. Vicki Woodhead |
| ARCHITECT DESIGNED - MONTCLAIR.....\$469,000 Four year old contemp with 4BD/3+BA including 2 BD suites, kit/family rm combo, hwd floors, lovely garden. Wendy Gardner | PRIVACY ON 1/4 ACRE!.....\$219,000 This charming home features a huge living rm with French doors to deck, 2BD/1.5BA, frpl, formal DR, 2-car gar. Vicki Woodhead |
| CROCKER HIGHLANDS BEAUTY.....\$424,500 Light-filled traditional on quiet tree lined street. 3BD/3BA including huge master suite, family room, yard. Joan Dark | SPACIOUS CRAFTSMAN.....\$189,000 Natural wood and built-ins, 3BD/1BA, formal dining, attic plus room with roof deck, patio, garage, near UC. Lee Jacobson |
| COUNTRY IN THE CITY.....\$289,000 Great separation of space! 3BD/2BA including master suite, updated kitchen, stunning LR, frpl, huge back yard. Kathy Flynn | LUXURY CONDOMINIUM.....\$169,000 Spacious unit in well maintained bldg, conveniently located. 2BD/2BA, LR with wet bar and frpl, DR, den, 2 decks. Sandi Klemmer |
| ALL LEVEL - PARKRIDGE ESTATES.....\$270,000 This immaculate, one level home features 3BD/2BA, separate dining room, family room off kitchen, hwd floors. Nancy Chew | SPACIOUS SPLIT LEVEL.....\$154,900 Pristine Sausalito near Mills College. 2BD/1BA, formal dining, breakfast rm, landscaped yard, attached garage. Lee Jacobson |
| WALK TO REGIONAL PARK!.....\$269,000 Cosmetic fixer in great Piedmont Pines location. 3BD/2BA, fireplace, deck, level front and large level rear yard. Kirk Phillips | CONDO ALTERNATIVE.....\$129,900 Cozy remodeled 2BD/1BA home with flower garden and yard with mature trees. Enjoy country living! Lee Jacobson |
| SEQUOYAH HILLS FAMILY HOME.....\$265,000 Lots of light, spacious rooms & a great floor plan! 3BD/2BA, family/rec rm, remodeled kitchen, formal dining rm. Thomas Wurst | A GREAT HOME VALUE!.....\$129,000 This pretty home has 2BD/1BA, eat-in kitchen, sunny patio, room for a garden and a one-car attached garage. Joan Dark |

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cluding the famous row of palms and the Mary R. Smith cottages. Wear comfortable shoes for this hilly walk. The cost is \$4 for OHA members and \$6 general. The tour will be canceled in case of rain. Call 763-9218 for more information.

The Oakland Heritage Alliance (OHA) presents **Historic Pagoda Hill in Rockridge**, Sun., July 14, 10 a.m. to noon. Meet at the corner of Chabot Rd. and College Ave. Join Jennifer Katz to learn about the vanished estates around the Rockridge BART Station. Also enjoy a fine sampling of residential architecture from the 1870s to the present. The cost is \$4 for OHA members and \$6 general. Call 763-9218 for more information.

Join architectural historian and author Mark Wilson from 1 to 4 p.m., Sun., July 14 for a **Berkeley Walking Tour**. See Berkeley's "Normandy Village" with its cottages, gargoyles, frescoes, and ornate barge boards, stop at Prairie-style and Victorian Era homes along the way and a Bernard Maybeck-designed Swiss chalet. Fee is \$12 and includes refreshments after the tour at Berkeley's Easy Going Travel Shop and Bookstore. Call 273-9383 to register for the tour.

The nonprofit Building Education Center (BEC), 812 Page St., Berkeley presents its annual five-day **Hands-On Intensive**, Mon., July 15 through Fri., July 19. Topics include drywall installation, finish carpentry, and ceramic tile installation. Call 525-7610 for more information.

The Wausau Mortgage Corp. announces Charles Patton's free 203(k) mortgage workshop **Rehabilitate for Profit or Equity with a Proven Product**, 7 p.m. Tues., July 16 at The Lakeview Club on the top floor of 300 Lakeside Drive (The Kaiser Center). The workshop, which will show you how to use the 203(k) loan product to purchase, renovate and resell property in a short time, is held on an ongoing basis. Call (800) 801-1320 ext. 240 for more information.

The nonprofit Building Education Center (BEC), 812 Page St., Berkeley presents two evening classes on Wed. and Thurs., July 17 and 18. **Basic Electric Theory and National Electric Code Fundamentals** will be the topic Wed. from 7 to 10 p.m.; **HVAC (Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning)** will be on the agenda Thurs., also from 7 to 10 p.m. Call 525-7610 for more information.

Realtor Marsha Quick of Red Oak Realty and mortgage broker Karen Ward of CMG Mortgage present the workshop: **Woman to Woman: Buying Your Own Home**, Sat. July 20 from 10 a.m. to noon at Old Republic Title, 1532 Solano Ave., Albany. Team with

industry professionals to demystify the purchase process, learn quality-guidelines and insights, become acquainted with closing costs and cost reduction techniques. Cost is \$25. Advanced registration is required. Call 718-2134.

With an experienced developer on a historic site in a great neighborhood in a friendly community, how can **Cohousing in Old Oakland** go wrong? Come to an orientation and slide show at the Emeryville Cohousing Common House, 5514 Doyle St., Emeryville, 7:30 p.m., Wed., July 17. Then, at 2 p.m. Sat., July 20 meet at the Pacific Coast Brewery, 906 Washington St. in Old Oakland for a tour of Swan's Market. This tour will be repeated noon, Thurs., July 25. Meet at the corner of 10th and Washington St. Call 649-7559 for more information.

Join Gordon Lavery on a walk through woods and on fire trails as the Oakland Heritage Alliance presents its walking tour of **Leona Heights**, Sat., July 20 from 10 a.m. to noon. Venture up Leona Creek along the old Leona Trolley Line to the site of the Leona Hotel. Explore relics of industrial activity and the redwood lumbering in the early days of Oakland. Wear comfortable shoes for this hilly walk. The cost is \$4 for OHA members and \$6 general. Call 763-9218 for more information.


The Oakland Heritage Alliance invites you to join Ernest Chann for its walking tour of **Oakland's Chinatown**. Experience the dynamism of one of Oakland's culturally diverse and vital economic forces. The cost is \$4 for OHA members and \$6 general. Call 763-9218 for more information.

Catherine Teegarden of RAF Mortgage presents a free seminar **How To Make Money Using the FHA 203(k) Purchase/Rehab Loan**, Thurs., July 25, 7 p.m. at 3900 Edwards Avenue, a property undergoing a 203(k) rehab. Owner occupants can buy properties for no money down. Nonprofits (churches and others) can buy and fix up properties for the community they serve. Realtors, contractors, nonprofit organizations are welcome. The workshop is held on an ongoing basis. Reservations are required. Call 528-0767 ext. 17 for information and reservations.


Stained Glass Garden presents a **Tiffany Glass Seminar**, Sat., July 27, from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Get an overview of the steps in making a Tiffany-style lamp from noted Bay Area stained glass lamp maker Tim Bryden. Fee is \$25. Advanced registration is required. July and August stained glass classes are also forming. Call 841-2200 for more information.

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Roll cost of rehab into HUD loan

By Napoleon Forte

Many Realtors are promoting HUD's 203(k) loan program as "the cure for urban blight." The program does what most lenders won't.

While most lenders do not allow repairs as a part of the loan amount when purchasing a property, the 203(k) does.

A buyer is given a loan to buy and repair a one- to four-unit residential or mixed use property.

HUD has streamlined the program to eliminate most of the "red

tape." The 203(k) can be obtained by typical buyers, non-profits, and income property investors.

The program generally works as follows:

- Prequalify with a 203(k) lender.
- Find a fixer-upper.
- Buy the fixer-upper, subject to 203(k) requirements.
- Estimate dollar amount of repairs needed to fix the property.
- Discuss your repair plans with a 203(k) consultant.

— Deposit loan proceeds for purchase and repair work.

— Make payments to contractor from escrow until repairs are completed.

— Complete repairs, then ready for occupancy. By involving an approved HUD consultant from start to finish, a quick closing contractor capable of

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12 ALTA AVENUE \$639,000
Formal dining/gracious living. Elegant, well-designed kitchen with attached breakfast room - view out to wonderful garden. Walk to Havens. SANDRA VOGL

152 DRACENA AVENUE NEW PRICE \$598,500
Colonial styling. Spacious living/formal dining & sunny kitchen/family rm. Across from Dracena Park. DONALD GRUBB JR.

77 DUDLEY AVENUE \$595,000
Spacious & elegant Piedmont home. 3+2 formal dining family rm & rumpus. Secluded patio. KATHLEEN CALLAHAN

507 MORAGA AVENUE REDUCED PRICE
Terrific buy in Central Piedmont. 4/2, rumpus room, garden. Close to all schools. ELIZABETH DICKSON

96 OAKMONT AVENUE NEW EXCLUSIVE \$549,000
Charming traditional w/ formal living/dining & separate sunny breakfast nook. 3+2 w/office & rumpus. KATHLEEN CALLAHAN

100 RAMONA AVENUE NEW PRICE \$549,000
Natural light throughout. Living rm w/ fireplace & formal built-ins. Cozy family rm off kit. Garden. SHEILA GALLAGHER

2 CAVENDISH LANE \$549,000
Great value! Large wooded setting with vistas of hills. 2 1/2 w/ family room. Easy commute to SF. HELEN WATSON

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6111/6101 MAZUELA DRIVE \$939,000/\$929,000
Montclair Estates. Oakland's newest estate community. Two spectacular new homes with gorgeous panoramic Bay views. Exquisite quality throughout. Large garden area. 4500 plus square feet. Sunny & spacious. Large family rooms, media rooms. 5+ bedrooms. Close to Montclair Village. ED KUO

5730 MARGARIDO DRIVE NEW PRICE \$849,000
Claremont Pines view home on almost 1/2 acre. All level 5/4.5, library, enclosed lanai & 3-car garage. LINDA MCCLAIN

145 AGNES STREET \$659,000
Brand new home in Upper Rockridge w/ Bay views & family room off kit. Level out to grounds. 5/4. DEBRA DRYDEN

87 WESTMINSTER DRIVE \$619,000
Dramatic Contemporary. Unique 2-level design w/ 4+ bdrms, family room & designer kit. Serene hill view. BONNIE HIRSCH

6046 FAIRLANE DRIVE \$549,000
Level-in & open floor plan. Formal dining & lg master ste. Family room opens to grnds. Bay view. SUSANNE PAUL

2727 LAS AROMAS REDUCED \$499,000
A classic traditional w/ Bay views & a lovely garden. Gorgeous kitchen. 4+3/4, office & family room. SHEILA GALLAGHER

6479 ASCOT DR NEW EXCLUSIVE \$425,000
Updated 2-story w/ Bay views & great floor plan. 3 bdrms, gourmet kitchen & au pair potential. JUDY RANKANKAN

5822 HARBOR DRIVE \$409,000
Pristine Contemporary w/ gourmet kitchen level out to garden living room w/ fireplace & deck. 5/3. KATHERINE COOPER

889 SUNNYHILLS NEW EXCLUSIVE \$329,000
Level in tudor. 3 bdrms, hardwood floors, framed w/ wood moldings. Expansion potential. ELIZABETH DICKSON

1054 LEO WAY NEW EXCLUSIVE \$329,000
English Tudor in fab condition. Traditional charm with updates. 4/2 w/ master. Pvt. garden w/ hot tub. SUSANNE PAUL

7050 SAYRE DRIVE NEW EXCLUSIVE \$329,000
Private Montclair. Contemporary with expansive living greenhouses dining and deck. Three bedrooms. baths. KURT BUCHHOLZ

4159 WILSHIRE BLVD NEW EXCLUSIVE \$329,000
Absolutely charming three bedroom/two bath home room downstairs, patio and views! MELITTA BECK

4390 BRIDGEVIEW DRIVE \$329,000
Spacious contemporary w/ city views & mature garden. eat-in kitchen, workshop & garage. J. O'SHAUGHNESSY

6941 SHEPHERD CANYON \$329,000
Spacious, sun-filled Montclair hide-away. 3 bedrooms, plus a large, lovely garden. A must see! KAREN SCHWARTZ

300 CAPRICORN NEW EXCLUSIVE \$329,000
Country-style home w/ forest & valley views. 3/2.5, lg vaulted beamed ceilings & detached studio. JONATHAN GRUBB

50 RAMONA AVENUE \$329,000
Great location. New kitchen & bath. 2 bdrms & original hardwood floors. Private rear grounds. Very comfortable. B. B. B. B.

BERKELEY

Open Sunday 2 - 4:30 p.m.

92 HILLCREST ROAD NEW EXCLUSIVE \$875,000
Grand Claremont architecturally significant home. Sophisticated & elegant. 5 bdrms/3.5 baths, kitchen, family room, library & cozy a cove. 3 bridge view. NANCY ROTHMAN

963 MILLER AVENUE NEW EXCLUSIVE \$799,000
Stylishly updated 4+3/4 & panoramic view. All hand-painted walls, hrdwd flrs, level garden & full in-law. JOHN KARNAY

862 EUCLID NEW EXCLUSIVE \$329,000
Contemporary w/ SF Bay views & hardwood floors throughout. 3+2.5, spacious living/formal dining. KAREN SCHWARTZ

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POOL TIME \$1,135,000
Light & spacious contemporary. Exquisite level landscaped level grounds. 5 bedrooms/5 baths. ANGELA WEI GRUBB

PRIVATE HIDEAWAY \$1,095,000
A unique & pvt. Mediterranean by Newsome & Newsome. Library retreat. Gorgeous gardens. MARION SCHWARTZ

GREAT LOCATION NEW PRICE \$699,000
Elegant home. 3+1/2 & central garden courtyard. Incredible buy for almost 4000 sq. feet of luxury living. MINDY SCOTT

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Elegant 3-story traditional w/ spacious living/formal dining 5+ sunny bedrooms. Try sell - financing. DONALD GRUBB JR.

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Panoramic view & level garden. Peaceful, spacious 4+3 & country kitchen. Super buy! SANDRA SCHWARTZ

WALK TO SCHOOL CALL FOR PRICE
Sunny three bedroom home with lovely built-in hardwood floors and private walk to schools. Beautifully updated. MARILYN WATSON

ARBOR DRIVE \$339,000
Delightful Mediterranean on a great street. Formal dining room. Country kitchen. 3 1/2 level to patio & garden. SANDRA SCHWARTZ

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SPECTACULAR \$1,049,000
Gracious Mediterranean. Exquisite detailing. 4 1/2 & dramatic living room. European garden & courtyard. JEANETTE ROACH

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Beautiful 5 1/4 S home w/ formal living/dining. Family room opens to lovely landscaped grnds. MARION SCHWARTZ

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Sophisticated traditional on nearly 1/2 acre. Renovated. Fabulous kitchen. 4 1/2 patio & garden. ANGELA WEI GRUBB

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Gorgeous traditional w/ Bay views. 3+3, elegant kitchen & spacious, sunny formal rooms. Level garden. JOHN KARNAY

ELEGANT CROCKER HIGHLANDS \$469,000
Exceptional Crocker home w/ 5 bdrms. Lovingly cared for & refurbished throughout. Extensive upgrades. DEBRA DRYDEN

ENGLISH COUNTRY \$459,000
Charming home with enchanting garden. Artfully updated kitchen, formal living/dining and expanded master suite. Three bedrooms/two and one-half baths. JUDY CAIN

MONTCLAIR \$435,000
Charming 3/3.5 situated on 2 landscaped lots. Spacious living room w/ fireplace, sep. office & garden patio. LINDA MCCLAIN

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Priced under market. Charming & spacious - tree setting. 3+ bdrms/2+ baths, family room + office. ELIZABETH DICKSON

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Elegant Claremont Traditional. Architect designed. 4 1/2, study, family rm & gardens. Gracious sunny living. KAREN STARR

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An exclusive Montclair home with beautiful woodwork, airy w/ 2 1/2 baths & den. Lovely level grounds. HELEN WATSON

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Located in Upper Crocker Highlands. English home w/ 3 bdrms, au pair or office and garden. SUSANNE PAUL

SERENE & PRIVATE PENDING \$329,000
Spacious home with 4+3 family room garden & jets to shops and trans. JOSEPHINE O'SHAUGHNESSY

MONTCLAIR \$319,000
Close to shops, trans. & hiking trails. Living rm w/ fireplace & eat-in kit. w/ deck. 3/2.5. ANGELA WEI GRUBB

VERY VERY CHARMING \$299,000
Upper Rockridge at a great price. 3/2, level patio & deck & tree setting. 2-car garage. ELIZABETH DICKSON

BRIGHT & FRESH \$289,000
Sunny, charming & level. Move-in condition. Beautiful built-ins and bay window. 3 bdrms/2 baths. MARILYN WATSON

WALK TO PIEDMONT AVENUE \$279,000
Charm, privacy & a quiet level garden. 2 bdrms, remodeled kitchen & bath, garage w/ skylight (artist?). KATHERINE COOPER

MOVE RIGHT IN NEW EXCLUSIVE \$189,000
2 1/2 + formal dining & breakfast room with new w/ hardwood floors. Large unfinished basement. HELEN WATSON

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How to interview agents

Part three of a four-part series
This is the third of four articles
factors to consider in choosing
agent. Parts one and two
at interviewing agents from
point of view of buyers; parts
three and four are from the seller's
point of view.

Sellers interview

Every agent should communi-
cate well, be technically adept,
deal with prices in your area
know how to market your
property's best advantage. Work-
with someone who is not pro-
ficient in all these skills can end
up costing you in many ways.

I elaborated in a previous
article, "Protecting Sellers," most
consider marketing the
property and getting it sold as the
important functions of their
job. Although obviously essen-
tial, effective marketing without

commensurate protection of the
seller is not enough. It is how an
agent handles the entire process
that differentiates the skilled pro-
fessional from the rest.

One key difference between
how buyers and sellers select
agents is that, whereas buyers of-
ten stumble into a relationship with
an agent, sellers tend to interview
more than one. In the trade, this
is known as a "listing presentation."

Interestingly, agents give sellers
a "presentation," while buyers get
an "interview."
I have heard of sellers interview-
ing eight or nine different
Realtors, including more than one
from the same office. I believe
this is an ineffective use of
everyone's time and energy. In-
terviewing three agents from dif-
ferent, respected local companies
should be more than sufficient. If
you are not satisfied with the first
three, you can always continue
interviewing.

Whom to interview

Ask friends, family and people
in the neighborhood if they know
a good, experienced agent. Make
sure the agent is local, i.e., knows
and works in your area. One of the
best ways to get agent names is to
check your mail. If you are like
most homeowners, you receive a
plethora of mail from local Real-
tors. They take the time and spend
the money in the hopes you will
call when you are ready to sell.

If you have not been doing so
already, save all the real estate
mailouts you receive for a three or
four month period before you put
your home on the market. Sepa-
rate the pieces by company and
agent.

Who sends you information ev-
ery month or more and has been
doing so for years? Those agents
are "farming" for your listing.
Choose those who not only con-
tact you consistently, but who send
you a quality product.

Are the materials well-written
or sloppy? Graphically pleasing
or haphazard? Is the paper or post-
card stock substantial or shabby?
If the agent has a photograph, does
it look professional? There are
abundant clues to how seriously
an agent takes his or her business.

Open houses are another excel-
lent way for sellers to meet agents.
Watch how the agent greets (or
doesn't greet) you when you en-
ter. Is he or she friendly and per-
sonable or distant and aloof? Al-
though an appealing personality

'Ask friends, family and people in the neighborhood if they know a good agent.'

does not necessarily mean the
agent is competent, this is a good
start. Eliminate all grousches. Life
is too short.

Between asking for referrals
from people you know, reviewing
your real estate mailings over a
period of time and meeting agents
at open houses, you should have
no trouble finding three candi-
dates willing to come to your home
for a chat.

The listing presentation

You have invited three agents
to apply for the position of your
listing agent. To minimize stress
on you, I suggest you meet the
agents on different days. Ask each
one to come prepared with com-
parable sales information. Assum-
ing they have not been in your
home, it will be helpful if you
describe the property to them.

Bear in mind that, in most cases,
it will be difficult for the agent to
come up with an accurate price
without having seen the home in
advance and given it thought.
Some will ask for a second ap-
pointment to discuss pricing. If
you are not under time constraints

to list, I recommend you agree to
second appointments for pricing
with those agents who request it.

They may also ask to bring a
few associates from their office to
get their opinions. This, too, is
common and can be very useful.
Do not, however, be impressed if
an agent brings thirty or forty
people from his or her office. This
has nothing to do with the quality
of the agent, and that is what you
are deciding.

Being prepared with questions
will make it easier and will also
give you a basis for comparing the
agents (see parts one and two of
this series). I advise you to allow
the agent to control the agenda.
This can be quite interesting. No-
tice whether the agent has some
"plan" or "pattern," as opposed to
being random and disorganized.
Top professionals know exactly
what they are doing. They come
prepared, and rarely "wing it."

Each agent will have a distinc-
tive style. Some will ask you to
show him or her around the house
at the beginning. Others will want

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Loan...

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the repairs on time and within bud-
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Updated kitchen, 3 bdrms, 2 remodeled baths. Plus alcoves for home
office or den. Filtered views. Newly listed. \$255,000.

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The City of Oakland's Office of
Cultural Affairs presents the **Adult
Arts Camp**, July 27 to Aug. 3 at the
Feather River Camp in Quincy, CA.
The camp will feature landscape
drawing and painting, plein-air oil
painting, fabric printing, glass bead
making, tai chi and nature classes.
The \$400 cost includes classes,
transportation and inclusive eight
day, seven night accommodations in
shared rustic cabins. Call 238-
6951 for more information.

A free **First-Time Home Buyer
Seminar**, sponsored by Red Oak
Realty and MortgageNetwork, 1891
Solano Ave., Berkeley will be held
Wed. Aug. 7 at 7 p.m. Find out
about first-time home buyer pro-
grams, get tips from a licensed Red
Oak agent on how to make an offer,
negotiate the best deal, handle home
inspections; learn about contingen-
cies that may protect a buyer from
adverse conditions, and see if it
may be more economical to buy
rather than to rent. Get prequalified
and receive a listing of homes for
sale in your price range. Reserva-
tions required. Call Russell Doi at
526-6554 for more information.

The Bay Area Chapter of the
National Association of the Remo-
deling Industry (NARI) holds its
regular monthly meeting 6 p.m.,
Wed., Aug. 14 at The Showplace
Square, Two Henry Adams St., San
Francisco. August's topic will be
Resolving Contract Disputes. The
\$25 ticket includes food, wine or
beverage. Call (415) 985-7058 for
information and reservations.

The Thorsen/Sigma Phi House,
2307 Piedmont Avenue, Berkeley
presents **The Last of the Ultimate
Bungalows: the William R.
Thorsen House of Greene and
Greene**, a nine-week exhibition of
architecture and furnishings de-
signed by the renowned turn-of-
the-century California architects
Charles Sumner Greene and Henry
Mather Greene, the exhibition will
run through Sun. Aug. 18. Call
(800) 342-5552 to order tickets or a
brochure.

Join your Oakland neighbors in
the Temescal District at the **Temes-
cal Square Certified Farmer's
Market**, every Sunday throughout
November from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
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and Telegraph will have a strong
organic emphasis and include
peaches, plums and nectarines from
the San Joaquin Valley. Call the
Market Hotline for more informa-
tion at (800) 949-FARM or visit the
market's Web site at <http://www.pcfma.com>.

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The East Bay Leads Club meets
7:45 a.m. Wednesdays at the Kaiser
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the world, is open to all business
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minute meetings, each member
gives a brief business presentation
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Dunning...

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to sit down and make "small talk" first and then see the home. Most will have presentation books.

At some point, you will have an opportunity to ask your questions. Concentrate on the agent's communication skills, including his or her ability to develop a positive rapport with you. An important reminder — the agent should commit to staying in touch with you on a regular basis, at least once a week. This is not done by all agents.

As is the case with buyers, it is critical for the agent to learn why you are selling. If you do not volunteer this information immediately, the agent should be asking you questions to uncover your rea-

sons. The best Realtors will focus on this quickly. If the agent does not knife through this within the first fifteen to twenty minutes, eliminate that individual. Successful professionals do not want to waste their time with people who are not serious and are just "testing the market."

Question: What is different about representing sellers, as opposed to buyers? Inexperienced listing (seller's) agents have a limited concept of how many things can go wrong for a seller in a transaction. This runs the gamut from pest control problems to contract compliance, from issues with the buyer's lender to fouled-up payoff paperwork on the seller's loan. Although this question will elicit technical knowledge, you are looking for the agent's ability

to communicate the differences in a way you can understand.

Question: What is your listing philosophy? Alternatively, you might ask, "What is your approach to working with sellers?" Responses can be a real eye-opener. Not all agents have given this question their consideration. Those who haven't, would not be good candidates.

My philosophy, for example, is that I work only with sellers who have a strong reason to sell. In order for me to be willing to invest my time, effort and money on a listing, the seller must be committed to the process and be willing and able to accept the verdict of the market regarding price.

I do not take a listing just to have my sign in front of the house and my name in a newspaper ad.

A current example is a listing I would not take several months ago because the seller insisted on a minimum selling price that was \$20,000 higher than the maximum value the market dictated. The home was listed with another agent. It sits unsold with no offers.

Finally, and most importantly, I put the seller's best interests before my desire to earn a commission.

Question: If you were to represent both the buyer and myself in the sale of my property, how would you handle it? Ostensibly, the reply could be a primer on agency law, particularly "dual agency." The thrust of the question, however, is how the agent will explain the delicate balancing act of representing both buyer

and seller (dual agency). My emphasis is on making sure in advance that all parties are comfortable with this arrangement. If not, I would not write the offer for the buyer. Rather, before the buyer gave me specifics of an offer he wanted to write, I would refer him to another agent. However, referring may also result in complications.

If the agent minimizes the implications of dual agency, he or she should be disqualified. In the end, whether or not you are at ease with dual agency will be a matter of trust in your agent. This question should shed some light on his or her approach to representing you.

Paying attention to the agent's communications capabilities is fundamental to your choice

of a high quality professional. Fortunately, sometimes communicators are not who will put your interests

Technical ability plus familiarity and marketing know-how are other parts of the equation. I will cover those four, the concluding articles.

If you missed parts one and two, call me for a copy. I have for copies of my related articles: *Protectors*, and *Why Expireds*.

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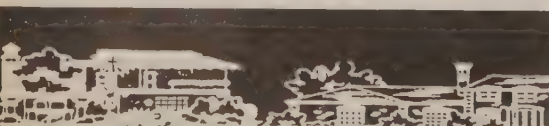
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The GRUBB Company, Ed Kuo 339-0400 and \$839,000
- 100 BEECHWOOD, New home, 4bd/4ba, style, grace, quality \$895,000
Coldwell Banker, Jim Duffy 339-1174
- 5730 MARGARITO DR, Claremont Pines, 5bd/4 1/2ba, 3-car garage \$849,000
The GRUBB Company, Linda McClain 339-0400
- 5038 COCHRANE AVE, Rockridge 5bd/3ba, double lot, views \$740,000
Templeton Company, Gini Erick 652-2133 X133
- 6414 SWANLAND RD, Montclair 5bd/3ba, 2/3 acre, 4000 sq ft, \$730,000
bay views, spacious, architectural drama. Martin Davis 547-8100 SUNDAY 2-5
- 22 SHERIDAN, Upr Rockridge 4+bd/3+ba newly built, SF/bay vws \$699,000
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, David Ichikawa 547-8978
- 6122 ACACIA, Claremont Pines 4+bd/3+ba newly built den \$689,000
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Martine Erickson 547-2205
- 8240 ACACIA, New country English 4bd/3 1/2ba, Claremont Pines \$680,000
Coldwell Banker, Fritz Hochstetler 339-1174
- 145 AGNES ST, Upr Rockridge 5bd/4ba, bay views, family room \$659,000
The GRUBB Company, Debra Dryden 339-0400
- 87 WESTMINSTER DR, Claremont Pines unique 2-level, 4+bd \$619,000
The GRUBB Company, Bonnie Hirsch 339-0400
- 7251 SKYLINE, Montclair views, 5bd/4+ba, aupair or office \$599,000
Coldwell Banker, Ken McDonald 339-1174
- 6511 LONGWALK DR, Montclair 3/3, SF bay views! patio \$595,000
Pacific Union, Tom Wurst 339-6460
- 35 TAURUS, Montclair nw 5bd/4ba, bay view! \$579,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Yehuda Ben-David 669-4205
- 811 YORK #206, Lakeshore studio, like new, bright condo \$575,000
Better Homes, Patricia Bennett 482-9000
- 36 SCHOONER HILL, 4bd/3ba, gourmet kitchen, fab views \$569,000
Coldwell Banker, Ollie Hammerel 339-1174
- 5055 DUBLIN, Montclair 5bd/4ba, gardens, aupair, private \$560,000
Better Homes, Dawn Ellis 287-2648
- 138 CALVERT CT, Montclair 3+bd/2+ba on 1 1/3 acre, pool \$550,000
Mason-McDuffie 834-2010, Lois Harris 287-2521
- 6046 FAIRLANE, Space, privacy, comfort, bay view, lg mstr suite \$549,000
The GRUBB Company, Susanne Paul 339-0400
- 6477 MELVILLE, Montclair 4+bd/3ba, just listed, top quality, patio \$539,000
Pacific Union, Lee Jacobson 339-6460
- 6780 OAKWOOD DR, Just listed, quality new 4bd/4 1/2ba \$539,000
Coldwell Banker, George Karsant 339-1174
- 2824 BURTON DR, Piedmont Pines 3+bd/3ba, sunfilled, deck \$534,000
Better Homes, Lyn Murray 339-6666
- 200 ESTATES, Traditional touches! 3bd/3ba, hardwoods \$525,000
Coldwell Banker, Donna Ranslem 339-1174
- 14 CLIPPER HILL, Spectacular large view home, 4bd/3ba \$525,000
Coldwell Banker, Ollie Hammerel 339-1174
- 7064 BROADWAY TER, 3bd/2 1/2ba, GG views, new construction \$515,000
Better Homes, Carol Cohen 339-8400
- 2727 LAS AROMAS, Piedmont Pines classic 4+3+ trad, office, gdn \$499,000
The GRUBB Company, Sheila Gallagher 339-0400
- 7 MARR AVENUE, 4bd/4ba, Montclair, huge yard \$499,000
Coldwell Banker, Kay Grubb 339-1174
- 6815 BRISTOL, 3+bd/3 1/2ba custom built, bay view, Claremont Hts \$489,500
Better Homes, Ed Lunderfor 339-8400
- 1500 FERNWOOD DR, English country home, gardens, mstr suite \$479,000
Coldwell Banker, Jack Brennenman 339-1174
- 11455 LOCHARD, Oakland Hills 5+bd/3+ba, all offers considered \$479,000
Mason-McDuffie 834-2010, Ray Pruitt 287-5904
- 5709 COLTON BL, Montclair 4+bd/3ba, designer's "work-at-home" \$475,000
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Mark Miller 893-5030
- 6117 ASCOT DR, Montclair 5bd/3ba, just listed! bay views, mstr \$460,000
Pacific Union, Rosalie Woods 339-6460
- 3362 BRUNELL, 4bd/2 1/2ba bay view contemp w/great room \$459,000
Wells & Bennett, Jackie Carter 632-2539
- 6555 OAKWOOD DR, Montclair beauty, 4bd/3ba, rec room \$449,000
Coldwell Banker, Nancy Dickey 339-1174
- 1635 ARROWHEAD DR, Montclair 4bd/2+ba, cook's kitchen, woody \$439,000
Pacific Union, Teri Carlisle 339-6460
- 6221 ASCOT, Montclair 4bd/4ba, beet buy! a classic \$439,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Ruth Bittman 869-4201
- 6642 Longwalk Dr A Frank Lloyd Wright INSPIRED Design home \$430,000
secluded 3bd/2b w/adj lot, sun deck. Will Uher 278-0451 SAT & SUN 12-5
- 230 SHERIDAN, Upr Rockridge 3bd/3 1/2ba, 3 frpls, bonus rm \$425,900
Coldwell Banker, Ruby Ng 339-1174
- 6479 ASCOT DR, Piedmont Pines, updated 2-story, 3bd, bay views \$425,000
The GRUBB Company, Judy Rankankan 339-0400
- 1626 MOUNTAIN, What curb appeal! 4bd/2ba, patio, garden \$419,000
Coldwell Banker, Ruby Ng 339-1174
- 5779 BALMORAL, Mostly level living! new price! 5bd/3+ba \$419,000
Coldwell Banker, Ruby Ng 339-1174
- 5822 HARBORD DR, Pristine contemp w/gourmet kit, 5/3, frpl, deck \$409,000
The GRUBB Company, Katherine Cooper 339-0400
- 7012 HEMLOCK ST, Montclair 3bd/3ba, just listed, Spanish Med \$400,000
Pacific Union, Chuck Corwin 339-6460
- 5680 AMY DR, Upr Rockridge 4bd/3ba, classic Spanish Med \$399,500
Coldwell Banker, Michael Thompson 339-1174
- 708 LONGRIDGE, Crocker 3bd/2ba, move in condition! \$399,500
Better Homes, Angela Lawson 568-2990 SUNDAY 1-4
- 5566 LAWTON AVE, Rockridge 4bd/2 1/2ba restored craftsman \$399,000
Mason-McDuffie 834-2010, Adrienne Nash 673-4060
- 889 SUNNYHILLS RD, Charming tudor, level in, expansion potential \$399,000
The GRUBB Company, Elizabeth Dickson 339-0400

- 6019 ASPINWALL, Montclair 4+bd/3ba new listing! renov.tudor \$389,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Gene Boomer 869-4202
- 2275 MASTLANDS, Piedmont Pines, SF & GG views, 3bd/2+ba \$369,000
Coldwell Banker, Pat Wittinglow 339-1174
- 6646 HEATHERIDGE WV, Montclair, woody location, kit/fam combo \$365,000
Wells & Bennett, David Hennigan 531-7000
- 6167 VIEWCREST DR, 3+bd/2+ba, wonderful views, level yard \$364,000
Pacific Union, Robyn Mohr 339-6460
- 1054 LEO WAY, Montclair, English tudor in fab condition! 4/2 \$359,000
The GRUBB Company, Susan Veit 339-0400
- 5565 MASONIC AVE, Upr Rockridge 5b/3b ranch, rumpus, reduced! \$349,000
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Nancy Lehnkind 653-8092
- 4647 HARBORD DR, Upr Rockridge 3bd/2 1/2ba, 1st open charml \$335,000
Better Homes, Carin Caroe 339-8400
- 7050 SAYRE DR, Montclair 3/2 contemp, greenhouse, deck \$335,000
The GRUBB Company, Kurt Buchholz 339-0400
- 4810 TRINIDAD AVE, 4+bd/3ba, sunny Tahoe setting, grt buy \$329,000
Better Homes, Carolyn Hartley 272-9030
- 4071 OAKMORE RD, 3+bd/2+ba immaculate tudor, 2 decks, hot tub \$329,000
Pacific Union, Dick Cohen 339-6460
- 1433 BARROWS RD, Crocker Hghinds 3bd/2ba, Japanese garden \$328,000
Pacific Union, Joan Daniel 339-6460
- 456 FLORENCE AVE, Upr Rockridge 3bd/2ba bright traditional \$328,000
Pacific Union, Brooks Anderson 339-6460
- 9461 SKYLINE BL, Piedmont Pines 3bd/2ba, hardwood plank floors, lg family rm, beautiful yard, patio. 531-2360 SUNDAY 1-5 \$325,000
- 6401 ZINN, 4bd/3 1/2ba, unique retreat, spa \$325,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Margie Wright 869-4251
- 4223 REINHARDT DR, Redwood Hts 4+bd/3+ba, pool, aupair \$325,000
Better Homes, Rosemary Greene 635-9842
- 4158 WILSHIRE BL, Redwood Hts, charming 3/2, rec rm, patio, vw \$325,000
The GRUBB Company, Melitta Beeson 339-0400
- 6787 EVERGREEN AVE, Skyline, 3bd/2 1/2b 1-level ranch, nds TLC \$319,500
Better Homes, Ed Lunderfor 339-8400
- 6294 BULLARD DR, Montclair 2+bd/2ba, reduced! charml lg deck \$316,000
Mason-McDuffie, Sherri Oakley 428-0900
- 9183 YOSEMITE, Piedmont Ave 3/2 & 2/1, grand Victorian duplex \$315,000
Pacific Union, Joan Dark 339-6460
- 1 LODGE CT, Montclair 2bd/2ba wooded and private, huge mstr \$310,000
Pacific Union, Dee Bee Bonham 339-6460
- 6656 CHARING CROSS, Hiller, just listed, 3bd/2 1/2ba \$309,000
Coldwell Banker, Ollie Hammerel 339-1174
- 1314 HAMPEL, Glenview 4bd/2ba, gorgeous, frpl, landscaped w/ \$305,000
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- 2033 ARROWHEAD, Montclair 4bd/2 1/2ba, fam & bonus rms, serene \$302,000
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- 1911 MANZANITA, Montclair 3+bd/2ba, you can see forever! \$299,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-8888, Marielida Grynbal 869-4226
- 4152 BALFOUR, Crocker Traditional, 3+bd/bay view, yd & deck \$299,000
Wells & Bennett, Stan Hammond 531-7000
- 2200 TIFFIN RD, Oakmore 3/3, price reduced! rumpus, cook's kit \$299,000
Pacific Union, Sandi Klemmer 339-6460
- 5552 ESTATES, Rockridge 3bd/1 1/2ba, sunny spacious, quiet st \$299,000
Better Homes, M. J. McConville 287-9583
- 110 THORNHILL DR, Montclair 3+bd/2ba, updt kit, sunny M yd \$299,000
Pacific Union, Kathy Flynn 339-6460
- 4390 BRIDGEVIEW, Oakmore 4bd/2ba, workshop, quiet street \$299,000
The GRUBB Company, Josephine O'Shaughnessy 339-0400
- 6024 BROADWAY, Elegant tudor, sunken liv rm, new kit, + 1bd apt \$298,000
Wells & Bennett, Stan Hammond 531-7000
- 33 MELVIN CT, Montclair 2+bd/2ba sunny contemporary, cul-de-sac \$298,000
Pacific Union, Wendy Gardner 339-6460
- 2031 ASILOMAR, A rare find! Montclair 3bd/2ba \$297,000
Coldwell Banker, Adriana Giacomelli 339-1174
- 542 FAIRBANKS, Piedmont Knoll 3bd/1ba fab renovated craftsman, \$296,000
family room, formal dining, 1650 sq ft. 487-4ERA SUNDAY 2-5
- 4031 ARDLEY, Glenview 3+bd/3ba brown shingle, charm, updt \$289,500
Mason-McDuffie 339-8888, Patricia 869-4234
- 6941 SHEPHERD CANYON, Montclair spacious 3bd/2ba hideaway \$289,000
The GRUBB Company, Karen Starr 339-0400
- 950 SCOTT, 3bd/1ba, light high ceilings, deck, garage \$289,000
Mason-McDuffie 845-0211, Erika Celestre 658-3727
- 12 HILLCREST CT, 3bd/2 1/2ba, SF view! owner may credit \$289,000
Better Homes, Carol Cohen 339-8400
- 1301 MOUNTAIN BL, Montclair 4/2, new listing! huge lot, hwdws \$289,000
Better Homes, Julie Renalds 658-8847
- 4133 OAK HILL RD, Sequoyah, 3bd/2ba 12 yr old contemp, \$289,000
view, deck, Margo Brady, Tabloff & Co, Tom Erwin 482-4131 SUNDAY 11-1
- 397 CRESTMONT DR, 180 degree vw, 4bd/3ba, exc. cond. aupair \$284,900
Better Homes, Alex Paris 937-4880 SUNDAY 1-4
- 631 WALAVISTA AV, Lakeshore 3bd/1 1/2ba trad, 2-story \$282,500
Better Homes, Maria Sinclair 287-9596
- 920 CARLSTON AVE, Crocker Hghinds 3/2 split level, formal dining \$280,000
Better Homes, Charlene Claybaugh 444-7653
- 5851 MCANDREW DR, 3bd/2ba, A+ neighborhood, value!! \$279,000
Mason-McDuffie, Sherri Oakley 428-0900
- 5765 COLTON BL, Spanish fixer! 4bd/2 1/2ba, rumpus, in-law, garden \$279,000
Wells & Bennett, Jini Kelly 531-7000
- 4107 OAKMORE RD, Elegant Oakmore 3/2, TLC to shine, canyon vw \$279,000
Wells & Bennett, Katie Meadow 531-7000
- 451 TAURUS AVE, Montclair 2+bd/1+ba, private gardens, hot tub \$279,000
Pacific Union, Kathy Flynn 339-6460
- 6709 THORNHILL, Value! 3bd/2 1/2ba, upgraded kitchen, 1900 sf \$279,000
Coldwell Banker, Paula Easton 339-1174

- 3865 FOREST HILL, Great family home hwdws, motivated seller \$279,000
Wells & Bennett, Joy Bryden 531-7000
- 4138 EASTLAKE, Redwood Hts charmer, 3bd/1 1/2ba, city/bay views \$279,000
Prudential Landmark Realty 287-9999
- 1034 TRESTLE GLEN, Crocker 2bd/1+ba, just listed, garden \$279,000
Pacific Union, Wendy Gardner 339-6460
- 4408 EDGEWOOD AVE, Glenview, 3+bd, new kitchen, lovely yd \$279,000
Templeton Company, Gini Erick 652-2133 X133
- 4608 JACOBUS, Rockridge 2bd/1+ba in great condition \$279,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Mary Dresser 869-4224
- 3956 FRUITVALE AVE, Upr Fruitvale 3bd/2ba, must see remodeled \$279,000
Better Homes, Sam Ghaderi 531-6712
- 300 CAPRICORN, Montclair 3bd/2 1/2ba, huge deck, valley views \$279,000
The GRUBB Company, John Karnay 339-0400
- 6995 PAO ROBLES, Montclair 3+bd/2ba, private, wooded \$279,000
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Carolyn Jones 644-5426
- 5406 BELGRAVE, Rockridge 2bd/1ba, enjoy craftsman detail \$279,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-8888, D. A. Hammond 869-4219
- 35 ABBOTT DR, Craftsman style 3/2 in Montclair, office/den, vw \$279,000
Prudential Landmark Realty 287-9999
- 3920 WOODRUFF AVE, Glenview charmer 3bd/1ba \$279,000
Coldwell Banker, Del M. Orr 339-1174
- 19 RAMONA AVE, Piedmont Ave 3bd/2ba, bright, spacious 2200 sf \$279,000
Better Homes, Patricia Scott 482-9000
- 1921 TIFFIN, Oakmore 3bd/1 1/2ba, charm, sparkling kitchen \$279,000
Better Homes, Rosemary Greene 635-9842
- 4473 REINHARDT, Redwood Hts 3bd/1ba cottage, 1st time open! \$279,000
Better Homes, Martha Shin 531-8643
- 4188 WILSHIRE, Grt pano views! lg lot, plank flrs, brick terrace \$279,000
Prudential Landmark Realty 287-9999
- 842-842A WALKER, Grand Lake House with in-law, 2 garages \$279,000
Owner 834-8768 SUNDAY & MONDAY 11-5 5% DOWN MUST
- 4617 SCOTIA, 3/2, perfection throughout! grt yard, a must see! \$279,000
Wells & Bennett, Carolyn Craig 531-7000
- 6294 THORNHILL DR, Montclair 3/2, just listed, walk to village \$279,000
Pacific Union, Chuck Corwin 339-6460
- 297 RISHELL DR, Crestmont updated w/sweeping bay view \$279,000
Coldwell Banker, Sherry Benninger 339-1174
- 658 JEAN ST, Rose Garden, 3bd/1ba, charming, hwdws, FDR \$279,000
Pacific Union, Pat Dedekian 339-6460
- 622 MASONIC AVE, 2bd/1ba, charming Spanish style home, \$279,000
bright kitchen, lg yard. ERA Home Advantage 523-8888 SUNDAY 2-4
- 4012 LAGUNA AVE, Lincoln Hts 3/3, big price reduction! remodel \$279,000
Better Homes, Steven Biasatti 339-6160
- 2111 TRAFALGAR, Montclair nr village, 2bd/1ba w/atrium \$279,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-8888, Athena Atsian 869-4253
- 4727 EL CENTRO AVE, Price reduced! Sweet Spanish 2 1/1 Med \$279,000
Wells & Bennett, Christine Christensen 531-7000
- 3869 LYMAN, 3bd/1ba, new paint/carpet, remod kit, move in! \$279,000
Gadsby & Associates 748-5300
- 3993 LYMAN RD, Oakmore 3bd/1 1/2ba, solid house/value, fab yard \$279,000
Better Homes, Lyn Murray 339-6666
- 2315 ARROWHEAD DR, Montclair 3bd/2ba, value, cosmetic fixer \$279,000
Pacific Union, Kirk Phillips 339-6460
- 4133 LINWOOD AVE, 3bd stunning craftsman, formal dining, \$279,000
fireplace, garage. Broker 523-9300 SUNDAY 2-4
- 2185 TRAFALGAR PL, Montclair 3bd/2ba, redwood deck \$279,000
Coldwell Banker, Lynne Bantle 339-1174
- 561 AILEEN, Idora Park, 2200 sq ft, family room, style, charm \$279,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-8888, Felicia Owens 869-4217
- 50 RAMONA AVE, Piedmont Ave, 2bd, sunporch, new kit/bath \$279,000
The GRUBB Company, Bettina Balestrieri 339-0400
- 247 4TH ST #209, Jack London Square, live/work style! 3+2 \$279,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-8888, Patricia 869-4234
- 5229 SHAFTER, Rockridge 2bd/1ba, open floor plan, hwdws \$279,000
Mason-McDuffie, Darrin Winsley 834-2010
- 6511 DANA ST, North Oakland 2+bd w/original craftsman features \$279,000
Thornwall Properties, Kathryn Hill 848-1950 X242 SUNDAY 2-4
- 5779 AYALA, Rockridge 2bd/1ba \$279,000
Coldwell Banker, Dave Moss 486-1495
- 2928 SHEFFIELD, 2bd/1ba, dining rm, hwdws, yard, charm \$279,000
Mason-McDuffie, Judy Farrell 428-0900
- 1138 WELLINGTON, 2bd/1ba Glenview split level, Spanish style \$279,000
Gadsby & Associates, Margaret 748-5300
- 1016 NORWOOD, Crocker Hghinds, 2/2, bonus rm, hwdws \$279,000
Coldwell Banker, Terry Kulka 339-1174
- 1180 53RD ST, No.Oakldn 2/1 bm shingle, det. wdshop & 1/1 in-law \$279,000
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X105 SUNDAY 2-4
- 2653-51 GRANDE VISTA, Duplex w/secret garden, 2bd ea unit \$279,000
Gadsby & Associates, Bill 748-5300
- 2101 E. 21ST ST, Two homes, investors bargain! clean! \$279,000
Mason-McDuffie 834-2010, Shirley Covington 287-2532
- 5007 WEBSTER, Temescal 2+bd/2ba, lovely, w/in-law potential \$279,000
Mason-McDuffie, Henriette Green 834-2010
- 1421 ALLMAN RD, Glenview 2bd/1ba, bring TLC! oak floors, yd \$279,000
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Nancy Lehnkind 653-8092
- 3732 WOODRUFF, Glenview, spacious 2bd/1ba, FDR, full basement \$279,000
Steven, Agent 848-2724
- 4321 STEELE ST, Just listed! adorable home, updt kitchen/bath \$279,000
Coldwell Banker, Michael Thompson 339-1174
- 4025 PATTERSON AV, Laurel 2/1 hillside, bay vw, LR w/frpl, FDR \$279,000
brkfst nook, hwdws, lg yd w/patio. Invt. Inv. Group, Roy Spencer 531
- 3107 KINGSLAND, Maxwell Pk 3bd/1ba bright bungalow, hwdws \$279,000
Pacific Union, Vicki Woodhead 339-6460



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4th of July week DEADLINE: Mon. 5 p.m.



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GAYLE TANTAU

Lately I've been so pursued by several title companies trying to obtain my business that it is starting to give me a false sense of popularity. In order to stay levelheaded, I have to keep telling myself, "it is not me, they just want my business!"

Not only have I been solicited at my office but, recently, three title company representatives visited me

Today's title companies: the battle for business

at my broker's open house. They were all very courteous, but isn't this going overboard to obtain business?

I have been given or offered free lunches, expensive candy, unsolicited business marketing materials, a salmon fishing trip...to woo me into their respective offices.

In a real estate transaction it is usually the buyer chooses the title company. Generally speaking, the buyers do not know one company from another and rely upon their agent for a recommendation.

Aside from all the attention and appealing gifts of late, I have been looking closely at the services and performances of individual title

companies.

Most of the title companies have become intensely competitive offering real estate offices and agents a variety of support services providing such things as address labels, property profiles, all kinds of maps, comparable sales, community information, demographics and elaborate computer programs.

The computer programs can help the real estate agent design her own postcards, brochures and various other tasks. The list of services is endless and, I might add, very overwhelming in regard to the technical aspects of the computer programs.

As a real estate agent, I never thought I would have to become a

computer technician, but I'm afraid this is the reality of the future.

I must say though, some of the title company's support services are quite helpful. I think my main problem with the title companies, with their emphasis upon marketing support services, is that there is rarely any mention of the fees charged (closing costs) to the buyer and seller and basically no mention of the escrow officers.

My broker Julie Lehman-Buttner researched three prominent title companies for one of her buyers and discovered close to a \$170.00 discrepancy between two of the companies, based on a purchase price of \$445,000, and a loan amount

'All I want from a title company is an experienced and competent escrow officer.'

of \$400,000. I am sure most buyers and sellers would appreciate saving money in closing costs so long as they were not compromising on the quality of work performed.

For me the performance of the escrow officer is of primary importance. The escrow officer should respond promptly to any questions from the people involved in the transaction such as buyers, sellers, agents and loan officers.

Further the escrow officer should be able to perform effectively and efficiently treating both buyers and sellers with neutrality.

At the close of escrow, for example, if the funds come in late (which can happen) I want an escrow officer who can handle a crisis situation with a cool head while at the same time maintaining the confidence of both the buyers and sellers.

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YOUR WEEKEND GUIDE OPEN HOMES

109 OUTLOOK AVE, Millsmont 2bd/1ba \$159,500
Better Homes, Ken Ferrell 339-8400

1673 MIAMI CT, Glenview 2bd/1ba, great starter, charm yard \$159,000
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Cathy Moulton 644-5480

421 MASTERSON, Laurel 2bd/1ba, immaculate, new kitchen \$155,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-8888, Andy Ng 869-4238

3855 DELMONT, Millsmont, 2bd/1ba, precious, nice area \$155,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Mary Dresser 869-4224

903 CARMEL ST, Laurel, 2bd/1+ba 1300 sf twnhse, frpl, laundry \$155,000
Pacific Union, Nancy Chew 339-6460

147 MAYBELLE, Upr Laurel 2bd/1ba with view \$149,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Cindy Boze 869-4203

22 58TH ST, Oakland 3bd/1ba \$147,000
Coldwell Banker, Nancy Reichert 486-1495

89 51ST, Temescal bungalow, detached guest rm, updated \$145,000
Coldwell Banker, Don Coelho 339-1174

401 MADERA, Sunny 2bd in Maxwell Park, deck, updt kit, lg yd \$145,000
Wells & Bennett, Kate Phillips 531-7000

2492 COLE ST, Craftsman style w/charm! hwdws, lg tile kit, decks \$143,900
Wells & Bennett, Kate Phillips 531-7000

360 FLEMING AVE, Maxwell Park 3bd/1ba, charm, value \$142,500
Better Homes, Anida Weyl 746-1949

345 MIDVALE, Laurel 2/1 bungalow, price reduced!! \$140,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Gene Boomer 869-4202

006 RAWSON, Spac. 2bd/1+ba, lg liv/dining, basement, det.garage \$139,900
Wells & Bennett, Kate Phillips 531-7000

58 38TH ST, Temescal 2bd/1ba \$139,500
Coldwell Banker, Melissa Eizenberg 486-1495

208 REDDING, Laurel district 3/2 starter, remod kit, lg garage \$133,900
Prudential Landmark Realty 287-9999

50 MONTECITO #306, 2bd/2ba condo, 1325 sq ft, nr Lake Merritt \$129,000
convenient to all! Far East Realty, George Sung 452-9188 SUNDAY 2-5

650 HIGH ST, 2bd/1ba \$122,000
Coldwell Banker, Candace Hyde-Wang 486-1495

1137 61ST AVE, Mills College 2+bd/1+ba w/separate studio \$119,500
Better Homes, Sherdella Sims 287-9586

2807 FRAZIER, 2bd/1ba renovated Spanish Med \$119,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Gene Boomer 869-4202

350 PERKINS #307, Adams Point, 2bd/2ba large 3rd floor unit \$112,000
Better Homes, Edith Marcus 287-5886

2901 MacARTHUR BLVD, 1 & 2 bedroom upgraded condos, \$79,950
special no/low-down! OPEN SATURDAY & SUNDAY 1-5 and up

253 DEERING, 2bd/1ba, grt street for the price! cozy bungalow \$92,000
with detached cottage in back. Re/Max 536-6683 SUNDAY 2-4

25 EL DORADO #304, Affordable, delightful 1bd/1ba end unit \$76,500
condo on top floor, prime street, walk to Piedmont Ave. Stasky & Co. 525-8800

ALAMEDA Open Sunday

1407 EASTSHORE, 3bd/2+ba, just listed, it sparkle!! \$299,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-8888, Bob Randall 869-4242 SUNDAY 2-5

429 GRAND ST, 3+bd/2ba, one-level, 1/2 block from beach \$264,500
Better Homes, Vickie Chan Case 522-5957 SAT & SUN 2:30-4:30

1038 CENTRAL AVE, Charming Queen Anne Victorian w/in-law \$229,000
approx. 1800 sf, fenced yard. 523-3453 SUNDAY 12-4

1822 NASON, 2bd/1ba lovelest craftsman on market! \$209,500
Better Homes, Hal Marcus 287-5886 SUNDAY 2-4:30

ALBANY Open Sunday

842 EVELYN, 3+bd/2ba w/flexible floorplan \$210,000
Better Homes, Jennie Lippincott 655-7137 SUNDAY 2-4:30

839 KAINS, Albany 2bd/1ba \$219,000
Coldwell Banker, Joan Barnett 486-1495 SUNDAY 2-4:30

1247 DARTMOUTH, Stylish 2bd, lg attic/storage, hwdws, FDR \$219,000
Berkeley Hills Realty 524-9888, Terese Ashman 841-6504 SUNDAY 2-4

832 MADISON, Spacious sunny, big yard, move-in condition \$214,000
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X127 SUNDAY 2-4

709 JOHNSON ST, Immaculate 2bd starter, hwdws, move in! \$179,000
Harbor Bay Realty, Connie Hanna 814-4814 SUNDAY 1:30-3:30

BERKELEY Open Sunday 2-4:30 pm

153 PARKSIDE DR, 4bd/3+ba \$949,500
Coldwell Banker, Candace Hyde-Wang 486-1495

82 HILLCREST RD, Grand Claremont architect designed, 5bd/3+ba \$875,000
The GRUBB Company, Nancy Rothman 339-0400

82 GRAVATT DR, Claremont 3bd/3+ba, bay view, new construction \$810,000
Pacific Union, Patricia Scott 339-6460

85 VICENTE RD, 4bd/3ba charming new Med, highest quality \$775,000
Pacific Union, Joanna Gould 339-6460

863 MILLER AVE, Stylishly updated 4+bd/3ba, in-law, vw, garden \$710,000
The GRUBB Company, John Karnay 339-0400

1100 SHATTUCK AVE, 5bd/3+ba \$665,000
Coldwell Banker, Jane Ishibashi 486-1495

867 ARLINGTON, Reduced! 4bd/3ba, soaring spaced, magical Med \$608,500
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X105 SUNDAY 2-4

159 EL CAMINO REAL, Berkeley Uplands 4bd/2+ba, mstr retreat \$509,000
Coldwell Banker, Marilyn Bremser 339-1174

30 HILL ROAD, Motivated seller! 4/4, view, legal in-law \$499,000
Templeton Company, Leslie Avant 652-2133 X122 SUNDAY 2-4

1153 KEELER AVE, 4+bd/2+ba, private setting \$479,000
Templeton Company, Nancy Lee Norman 652-2133 X124

22 CLAREMONT CRES, 4bd/3ba, it's a beauty! Impeccable! \$475,000
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X109 SUNDAY 1:30-4:30

834 GRIZZLY PEAK, 4bd/3ba, gourmet kitchen, views, decks \$465,000
Berkeley Hills Realty 524-9888, Kathleen Dubois 525-3345 SUNDAY 2-4

18 CLAREMONT CRESCENT, 3+bd, separate studio/office, pvt yd \$455,000
J. T. Ward Realtors, Miriam Wilson 845-5021

623 SAN LUIS RD, 3bd/1+ba unique Mediterranean, formal dining \$430,000
all rooms have views. Chateau Real Estate 527-2525, 526-8992 SUNDAY 2-5

862 EUCLID AVE, No. Berkeley 3+bd/2+ba, hwdws, SF views \$399,000
The GRUBB Company, Karen Starr 339-0400

2519 DERBY, 4+bd/3ba, great price for fab home w/legal apt \$355,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Mary Dresser 869-4202

1130 WOODSIDE, Lovely 4bd/2ba w/serene wooded settings & vws \$339,000
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X109 SUNDAY 2-4

1130 DELAWARE, Well maintained 3+bd/2ba tradition w/1/1 unit \$319,000
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X185 SUNDAY 2-4

10 AVENIDA, Just reduced! Berkeley Hills 3bd/2ba ranch \$319,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-8888, David Otero 869-4239

1519 HENRY ST, 2 mstr bd suites, 2 attic studios, patio garden \$309,000
Templeton Company, Marlene Leverette 652-2133 X121 SUNDAY 2-4

LAFAYETTE Open Sunday

755 TANGLEWOOD, 4bd/2+ba elegant contemp, upair, walk BART \$429,000
Prudential Landmark Realty 287-9999 SUNDAY 2-4:30

MORAGA Open Sunday

40 MIRAMONTE DR, 3bd/2ba, delightful, bright, huge storage, fresh \$219,000
paint, best school district. Coldwell Banker, Donna 945-2800 SUNDAY 1-4

QRINDA Open Sunday

21 DIAS DORADOS, Outstanding country club location, 5/3 1/2 \$749,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, George Millrions 869-4233 SUNDAY 2-4:30

PIEDMONT Open Sunday 2-4:30 pm

331 ST JAMES DR, 4300 sq ft home w/4bd/4+ba, remodeled kit, \$549,000
2 family rms, 2 kitchens. \$250K reduction to date. UCB, Kathy 838-9700 X38

12 ALTA, Formal dining/gracious living, brkfst rm, garden \$639,000
The GRUBB Company, Sandra Vogl 339-0400

152 DRACENA, Colonial style & detail, FDR, sunny kit/fam rm \$598,500
The GRUBB Company, Donald Grubb Jr. 339-0400

223 ESTATES DR, 4bd/3ba prestigious, best schools \$598,000
Better Homes 339-4000

77 DUDLEY AVE, Spacious elegant 3+2, FDR, family rm, rumpus \$595,000
The GRUBB Company, Kathleen Callahan 339-0400

120 ESTATES, Piedmont 4bd/2+ba contemporary with view \$578,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Yehuda Ben-David 869-4205

51 MAXWELTON, Outstanding family plan, 4bd/2+ba \$519,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Felicia Owens 869-4217

100 ESTATES DR, 3bd/2ba, rumpus, hardwoods, bay view \$449,000
Pacific Union, Francis Heath 339-6460

159 ST JAMES DR, 3bd/3ba, 2 decks, large family room \$425,000
Pacific Union, Sally Morrison 339-6460

324 OLIVE AVE, 4bd/3ba sunfilled throughout large deck \$419,000
Better Homes, Nahid Nassiri 531-1670

507 MORAGA, Terrific buy! 4/2, rumpus and large garden \$419,000
The GRUBB Company, Elizabeth Dickson 339-0400

96 OAKMONT AVE, Craftsman detail, 3+bd/2ba, office and rumpus \$399,000
The GRUBB Company, Judy Cain 339-0400

12 ECHO LANE, 4 1/2 beautiful charm, privacy, level garden \$389,500
Mason-McDuffie 339-8888, Pam Comfort 869-4213

101 NOVA DRIVE, 3bd/1+ba, last chance for a great deal! \$380,000
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Claire 644-5434

970 KINGSTON AVE, 2bd/2ba \$350,000
Better Homes, Morrie 547-6925

100 RAMONA AVE, Natural light throughout! frpl, FDR, garden \$319,000
The GRUBB Company, Sheila Gallagher 339-0400

179 OAK RD, 2bd/2ba, great rumpus, private backyard \$307,000
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Suzanne Yamamoto 644-5477

2 CAVENDISH LN, Great value! woods setting, 3bd/2+ba, fam rm \$275,000
The GRUBB Company, Helen Buty 339-0400

RICHMOND Open Sunday

3319 ROOSEVELT, NE Richmond 3bd w/charm, pvt garden, deck \$143,500
Marvin Gardens 527-2700, Terry 841-3286 SUNDAY 2-5

730 McLAUGHLIN, Richmond 2bd/1ba \$117,000
Coldwell Banker, The Longs 486-1495 SUNDAY 2-4:30

SAN LEANDRO Open Sunday

458 DIEHL AVE, 3+bd/1+ba charming split level, new deck \$199,000
Pacific Union, Michelle Miller 339-6460 SUNDAY 2-4:30

13737 SEAGATE DR, 3bd/2+ba condo, FDR, frpl, gated, pool \$177,500
Harbor Bay Realty, Steve Cressy 814-4818 SUNDAY 2-4

1225 PEARSON, 3bd/1ba very affordable, nice yd, off Davis \$142,995
Gadsby & Associates 748-5300 SATURDAY 2-4:30

1165 GLEN, Wonderful 4bd/2ba fixer/huge level garden \$295,000
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X110 SUNDAY 2-4

478 MICHIGAN, 1st Open! large elegant 3bd/2ba w/pano views \$289,000
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X125

2341 ACTON ST, Just listed! 3bd/1+ba +2 income units, garden \$285,000
Templeton Company, Gini Erck 652-2133 X133 SUNDAY 2-4

517 THE ALAMEDA, Berkeley 2bd/1ba \$283,500
Coldwell Banker, Gilda Waldman 486-1495

1915 VIRGINIA, Berkeley 3+bd/2ba \$269,500
Coldwell Banker, Chris Cohn 486-1495

3005 FULTON ST, Artist's renovation, 3bd/1+ba, space & charm \$269,000
Templeton Company, Faye Keogh 652-2133 X125 SUNDAY 2-4

2016 B DELAWARE, New York loft-like br shingle twnhse, 2bd/2ba \$262,000
Marvin Gardens, Ann Ariola Plant 287-8761

188 FAIRLAWN, 2+bd/1ba \$249,000
Coldwell Banker, Gaby Olander 486-1495

1333 MILVIA, Spectacular bay view! 3bd/1ba, condo, grt location \$232,000
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X111 SUNDAY 2-4

1719 CHANNING WY, New Listing! 1st open! 2-story 3bd br shingle \$229,500
Red Oak Realty 527-0344 SUNDAY 2-4

1904 MILVIA, 3bd/2ba remod Victorian, walk to UC/Chez Panisse, \$229,000
areas lowest price for the money! Re/Max 436-6683 SUNDAY 2-4

2433 BONAR, Captivating craftsman, 2bd, FDR, pretty pvt garden \$195,000
Marvin Gardens, Kathie Berg 287-8752

2028 PARKER ST, Huge top floor condo, 3+bd/1+ba \$185,000
Templeton Company, Leslie Easterday 652-2133 X134 SUNDAY 2-4

2371 VIRGINIA #2, 2bd/1ba \$179,900
Coldwell Banker, Linda Goldman 486-1495

1934 BERRYMAN, Renovated 1bd cottage, plus space for office \$179,500
Marvin Gardens, Carole Berger 549-3441

2029 CHANNING, Channing Place condos 1 & 2 bd city homes \$139,000
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X174 SAT/SUN 1-5 to \$179,000

1721 BERKELEY WAY, 2bd/1ba \$135,000
Coldwell Banker, The Longs 486-1495

2101 8TH ST, 1bd/1ba \$119,000
Coldwell Banker, Melissa Lyckberg 486-1495

CONCORD Open Sunday

4279 WOODLAND DR, 4bd/3ba \$229,500
Mason-McDuffie 339-8888, Dollie Henson 486-5761 SUNDAY 1-4

EL CERRITO Open Sunday

744 COLUSA, El Cerrito 3bd/1+ba \$289,500
Coldwell Banker, Sally Hendrickson 486-1495 SUNDAY 2-4:30

EMERYVILLE Open Sunday

4300 HORTON #5, 2bd/1+ba, sunwashed 1700 sf live/work loft \$237,000
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X105 SUNDAY 2-4

HAYWARD Open Sunday

620 LEIGHTON, Bright, sunny 3bd/1ba w/separate studio \$129,950
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Jim Resor 869-4243 SUNDAY 2-4:30

HERCULES Open Sunday

296 CARSON ST, Hercules 4bd/3ba \$274,000
Coldwell Banker, Karen Danrich 486-1495 SUNDAY 2-4:30

KENSINGTON Open Sunday

115 HIGHLAND AVE, Kensington 4bd/2ba \$339,000
Coldwell Banker, Diana Kay 486-1495 SUNDAY 2-4:30

51 ARLINGTON, 1st Open. 3bd/2ba light-filled home with \$305,000
special patio. Millstein RE Broker, Celia Concus 527-0211 SUNDAY 2-5

297 PURDUE, Sunny 2bd/1ba, move in condition! Must See! \$216,000
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X112 SUNDAY 2-4

When it comes time to buy a house, seven out of ten people put a down payment on a newspaper.

In a 1991 study, reported in Home Buying and Selling Process, the National Association of Realtors (NAR), reported: "Since 1989...homebuyers who rely on newspapers have significantly increased from 41% to 58%."

These findings really shouldn't surprise anyone. After all, no other advertising medium reaches more people with the information they want when they want it.

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TRANSPORTATION

101 Autos

ALL Autos Wanted Full Internal Revenue Service Tax Deduction for 1996 to help the Homeless Children Please call us at 415-871-0885 We need Vans, Cars, RVS, Trucks. Thank you

CARS UNDER \$200

DEA, IRS, FBI, Nationwide Auctions. Trucks, cars, motorcycles, furniture and MORE! Call now 1-800-400-3308, ext. 487

DODGE Cummings Diesel 4 wheel drive New tires/nms, low mileage Call Harry 966-9685

MAZDA, 1990 323 SE, excellent condition, 9,800 miles, hatch back, 5 speed, new tires, air, full service \$4,900 offer 524-6248

NISSAN, 1989 Starza, sedan, 43,000 miles, all-weather, automatic, air, original owner. Sacrifice \$5999 547-2227

PLYMOUTH Horizon, 1988, 93K, 35 mpg \$1900 or best offer 521-5949

TOYOTA Forerunner, 1990, 4 wheel drive, brand new rebuilt engine, power everything, \$17,200. 843-5117

BULLETIN BOARD

As a community service The Hills Newspapers is pleased to offer Found, Giveaway and Lost ads free of charge (maximum 15 words for 2 weeks)

201 Announcements

BOY Scout uniforms Clean out the closet and recycle them to help youngsters. Leave at The Montclair office, 6208 La Salle Ave., Oakland

SEEKING families to host French, Norwegian, Finnish or Swedish High School girl for the 1996-1997 school year. If you can help, call 800-388-3013

MAY the sacred heart of Jesus be adored, glorified and loved throughout the whole world, both now and forever. Sacred heart of Jesus pray for us. Saint Jude, worker of miracles, pray for us. Saint Jude, helper of the hopeless, pray for us. Thank you Saint Jude for prayers answered. LWJ.

205 Workshops & Classes

SUPPORT GROUP for parents of disabled children. 287-5507, MFCC #31559

206 Found

HOLDING young male, short haired, blue/gray cat. Appeared June 27th. Files color. 654-5884

ALL black male Lab found Ashby station, red collar. Call 655-5453 (owner) Interested owning.

207 Giveaway

URGENTLY need temporary foster homes for homeless animals. Need food, cages, litter, traps. Marc 510-444-3204

ELECTRIC DYER. Call between 9 a.m. - 7 p.m. 530-1905

BORDER Collie Lab, female, 3 years, black/white. Playful, active, great hiker and swimmer. 653-8281

FEMALE Seal Point Tortoise shell. Same sex, 11 months. To a loving good home. Donation 832-2154

COCKER (part), female, 4 years. Needs good home. Affectionate, good with kids. Free. 510-531-1089

208 Lost

TWO Hearing Aids in film canister. July 4th, Near downtown Berkeley. 652-5945. Reward

MALE English setter, 9 months. "Spockies" White/black. Trestle Glen area. 444-7250

EDUCATION

302 Childrens Schools & Camps

CIRCLE PRESCHOOL

Offers programs for curious children ages 18 months to 6 years. 547-6447

SMILES DAY SCHOOL

Pre-school program 2.9 - 5 years. Full-time and part-time. Before and after school program. Pick up and delivery to local elementary schools. 7:30 - 6:00 339-3830

303 Instruction & Tutoring

A LEARNING PLACE

Reading, Language Arts, Math, Science, SAT Prep, Diagnostic Testing. Oakland/Berkeley 531-2500

TUTOR/EDITOR/WRITER

Critical thinking enables students to read and write with clarity. Experienced in dispersing muddle, building focus. 530-3850

BLOOD Drawing Phlebotomy course by Boston Reed Company. Call 1-800-201-1141. State registered institution. #2900291

COMPUTER SPECIALIST

Teaches Windows, installs upgrades. Configures and advises. \$25/hour. Call Charlie 568-9680

ELEMENTARY educator with 25 years public school experience specializing in primary grades would like to inspire and motivate your child to read this summer. 510-339-1589

304 Musical Instruction

ROCKENBACH guitar and bass lessons. 25 years experience. Very patient. Ages 9-90. 531-5625 message

JAPANESE HARP (Koto) lessons. Traditional/Contemporary. Taught in home studio. All ages. Shirley Muramoto, 482-1640

PIANO Lessons. Jazz, Blues, Classical, more. Experienced, patient. All ages. First lesson free. Ariel, 865-3943

CLASSICAL piano lessons, including theory and ear training. Also available for accompanying. Vicki Trimbach 653-0227

GUITAR, beginning/intermediate by education specialist and children's recording artist. Summer guitar fun Donna 337-0315

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402 Independent Employment

\$35,000 YEAR INCOME POTENTIAL
Reading books. Toll Free 800-898-9778, ext. R-7057 for listings.

Advertisers in this classification offer self-employment opportunities. An investment may be required.

ARE you bilingual? Make \$300-\$400 per week Working for MCI long distance. 635-9477.

EARN \$350/week. Part-time. Now hiring mystery shoppers for local stores. Free products. 1-504-571-5280.

EARN money at home, outside shops out of paper. Everyone is qualified. 835-3242.

SUMMER WORK. Retail/ customer service \$10.50 to start. Will train. Internships/ scholarships available. 845-6159.

403 Salon Opportunities

HAIKYSTYL or Manicurist needed, low rent. College Ave. 652-5454.

MANICURIST/ Pediclist/ Andromed wanted for busy salon. Good basic skills, latest techniques, sanitary. Erin 658-8860.

406 Employment Wanted

BERKELEY High Students available for part-time work. Career Center 548-5827.

CENTRAL American refugees seek employment in housecleaning, gardening, childcare, painting, moving. Skilled and reliable. 533-1119.

RELIABLE Mother needs work at home to support 2 young children. Call 888-9553.

I offer drafting services of architectural and engineering drawings. Work at my own home. 835-6553.

407 Employment Information

DOES your RESUME reflect what you want to do? Susan Unghart-Brown, Career Counselor. 531-2071.

408 Caregiver & Domestic Help Wanted

COOK/ exchange for room and board. Diners only and some light housekeeping. Piedmont home. 653-1616.

ELDER care, Oakland Hills, 8 p.m. Friday to 8 p.m. Sunday. \$600/week. Montclair/ Westland references. 415-846-2233, 415-380-9365.

CHILD CARE/ Housekeeper, live-in or full-time. English speaking, strong, energetic, toddler experience, CDL, references. Berkeley. 510-644-9858.

HOUSEKEEPER, live-in, Piedmont, some child-care, 5 days weekly, room/ board plus \$700/ month. 655-1457.

409 Childcare Wanted

NANNIES needed full-time, part-time, live-in/out. Childcare references, car required. No fee. 933-2273. Be in Our Care Nanny Agency.

LIVE-IN nanny. Rockridge, 2 children, room, salary, paid vacation, use our car, CDL, experience. 652-8736.

LOVING (shared?) childcare for 18 month old. Ideally 3 days/week. El Cerrito area. 234-4008.

PART-TIME childcare needed for 2 preschoolers. Experience required. Montclair. 415-502-5040.

LOVING, creative nanny for 3 and 6 year old girls. Approximately 30 hours/week. Montclair/ Westland (Hills). Excellent references/ English. Non-smoking, own car required. 339-8830.

410 Shared Childcare

OUR sister is loving, kind, extremely responsible. Seeking child who needs full-time care to share with us. Prefer your home mornings, after to pick up our child at preschool, our home afternoons. We have a large yard, toys and 2 big dogs. Berkeley Hills. Robin 431-8753.

CHILD to share wonderful nanny with car with 2 year old son. Montclair. 339-2677.

SHARE loving, experienced after with 16 month old. 30 hrs/week. \$4.75/ hour. Laurel, Montclair. Glenview. Alternate home. Suzanne 482-3704.

411 Childcare - Licensed

CRAIG Family Day Care. #013411521. Warm, loving environment in Piedmont, accepting applications now. (510) 658-9340.

BILINGUAL/ Spanish childcare, 1 year and older, Berkeley/ Albany. Structured, loving. License #013411184. Lita 524-5012.

NINI'S Place Childcare has openings. Large and well equipped inside and outside play areas. Home cooked meals and arts, dance, music, classes. Ages 18 months-4 years old. Call Anita. 242-2803.

INFANT home care by education specialist. 15 years experience. BA ECE. Donna. 337-0315. Lic. #013411355.

412 Babysitting Offered

MY loving, careful, experienced reliable nanny. Now available for full-time. Infant-5 years in your home. Excellent references. Debbie. 237-5799.

CHILD CARE in your home, Monday-Friday, 6:30-6:00. Experienced, references, own car. 536-5046; page 702-9348.

LOVING childcare/ housekeeping available immediately, full-time in your home, experienced, excellent references. 483-7702.

RELIABLE Spanish speaking babysitter seeks live-in position in Berkeley. Albany. References. 528-0737, evenings.

PROFESSIONAL Piedmont area nanny. Part-time. Monday, Tuesday, Friday beginning September or full-time share with current 3 year old. 30 years experience, CPR, safe driver. Excellent references. 601-0497 days; 653-7548 evenings.

NANNY available August 1, family moving, must go. Loving, responsible, flexible, has car. Call Laura, evenings. 504-8933.

SPANISH speaking, caring woman available to provide care for your child and light housekeeping. Experienced car, references, CPR. Call Teresa 510-235-9243.

413 Home Health Care Offered

The following people would like to be hired as Home Health Care Providers. If you are looking for a job as a Home Health Care Provider, please see Categories 401 and 408.

ABLE CARE INC.

Personal, quality 24 hour live-in care and companionship for the elderly and handicapped in the comfort and security of your/ their own home. Bonded and insured. 510-885-4704.

COMPLETE Home Care, Private duty nursing and companion, general household management. Special diet preparation, pet care, errands, etc. 25 years experience, 24 hours a day. Evelyn Bernhard. RN. 849-1893.

A CARING CONNECTION
Bonded, quality home care includes personal care, housekeeping, companionship. Call Karen. 524-8076.

EXPERIENCED, licensed care givers available for in-home elderly care. All hours available. Call Nita 271-0645.

"AGING in Place" Consultants, Therapeutic Massage, Chiropractic, Escot, Christine Bailey, C.M.T., M.A. Gerontology Candidate. 841-7504.

FINANCIAL

TO PLACE A CLASSIFIED AD CALL 339-8777

501 Businesses For Sale

RAINOUTTER Business Established 12 years in East Bay (Oakland/ Berkeley/ Piedmont). Excellent income. Customer list. \$250 work truck, equipment, etc. \$30K. Call Joe 510-549-4849; 510-525-1026.

502 Business Opportunities & Services

Advertisers in this classification offer self-employment opportunities. An investment may be required.

IS YOUR BUSINESS FOR SALE?
Interested in Acquiring Northern California Manufacturing or Distribution business with a potential for growth. The ideal business should require capital, marketing management and a unique product position.

If you are interested in selling all or part of your business, please send a brief business description and product brochure to: Box K, 8208 La Salle Avenue, Oakland, CA 94611.

PERSON WANTED to own and operate retail candy shop in Montclair area. Low investment. For information call Mrs. Burden's Gourmet Candy Company, Dallas, TX, 214-991-8239.

EARN GOOD SOLID INCOME
Distribute, raw, organic food products. Small investment required. Outgoing, enthusiastic. 800-764-6879.

\$AWSOME'S
Most powerful money-making education program in world; 2 minute message, 24 hours. 800-837-5377, ext. 9351.

FOR SALE**603 Garage & Estate Sales**

See **Clip 'n Go** on the 1st page of Classified Ads

605 Home Furnishings

15th ANNIVERSARY SPECIAL
Buy 2 or more custom mini-blinds this year and we will clean them free of charge next year. Call Marsh Interiors at 569-7540 for details.

MATTRESS Sets: Twin, \$89. Full, \$109. Queen, \$159. Sofa bed, \$299. Sofa with loveseat, \$399. Bunkbeds, \$228. Chest-bed, bedroom sets, roll-aways. Simmons, Sealy, Restonic. 444-1990.

SOFA, loveseat, matching chair. Three months old. From condo display. Cost \$1195. Sell \$295. 888-8127.

DESIGNER Living room set- Sofa/ Chaise Lounge. Elegant, plush, comfortable. Luxurious styling. Like new. Will sacrifice sale for \$777! Best offer. Must Sell. 444-5534.

SECTIONAL sofa, tan color, 4 months new, \$300; 35 inch Mitsubishi console television, \$500. 946-9721.

DESK, 34x61, \$45; Four poster double bed, \$45; Large oak table, \$35; Oak coffee table, \$25; Oak stand, 2 drawers, \$25; Twin mattress and box, \$20; Various lamps and dishes, etc. 254-8366.

HANDMADE vertical grain Douglas fir child's loft bed and bookcase, \$500. 531-6283.

MOVING SALE, gorgeous, almost new off-white Danish Sofa, Oak dining table and four chairs, walnut glass china cabinet, computer desk, dresser, microwave and wood cast Lamp, leather camera bag, etc. Best offers. Judy 482-6488.

FIREWOOD, Split, seasoned Eucalyptus/ Pine, 1200 cord, \$3/ mile. Oak \$240. Less picked up. 339-8245.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 96-7513
The Name of the Business:
The Names of the Businesses:
Phyllis Hepler, 21 Information Manager, 1604 San Luis Rd., Walnut Creek, CA 94596.
is hereby registered by the following owner:
Phyllis Hepler, 21 Information Manager, 1604 San Luis Rd., Walnut Creek, CA 94596.
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on June 27, 1995.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on December 27, 1995.
The Journal June 27, July 4, 11, 18, 1996.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 96-3473
The Name of the Business:
Woodworks, 2646 San Antonio Dr., Walnut Creek, CA 94596.
is hereby registered by the following owner:
James Bagman, 2646 San Antonio Dr., Walnut Creek, CA 94596.
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on June 30, 1996.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on May 30, 1996.
The Journal June 27, July 4, 11, 18, 1996.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 96-3586
The Name of the Business:
Age Marketers, 2526 MacArthur Ave., San Francisco, CA 94106.
is hereby registered by the following owner:
James Walsh, 2526 MacArthur Ave., San Francisco, CA 94106.
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on June 4, 1996.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on June 4, 1996.
The Journal June 27, July 4, 11, 18, 1996.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 96-3624
The Name of the Business:
Analytix, 3190 Oak Rd., #313, Walnut Creek, CA 94596.
is hereby registered by the following owner:
Analytix, 3190 Oak Rd., #313, Walnut Creek, CA 94596.
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on June 4, 1996.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on June 4, 1996.
The Journal June 27, July 4, 11, 18, 1996.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 96-3679
The Name of the Business:
The Names of the Businesses:
Vasani, 731 Morninghome Rd., Danville, CA 94526.
is hereby registered by the following owner:
Gibson, 731 Morninghome Rd., Danville, CA 94526.
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on June 13, 1996.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on June 7, 1996.
The Journal June 27, July 4, 11, 18, 1996.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 96-3709
The Name of the Business:
The Names of the Businesses:
Enterprise, 2230 Newport Ct., Byron, CA 94508.
is hereby registered by the following owner:
Wayne Cera, 2230 Newport Ct., Byron, CA 94508.
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on June 10, 1996.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on June 10, 1996.
The Journal June 27, July 4, 11, 18, 1996.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 96-3815
The Name of the Business:
Escapes, 10 Deer Meadow Court, Danville, CA 94508.
is hereby registered by the following owner:
Graham Wood-Campbell, 10 Deer Meadow Court, Danville, CA 94508.

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This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on June 13, 1996.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on June 13, 1996.
The Journal June 27, July 4, 11, 18, 1996.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 96-3482
The Name of the Business:
Hodson Phantasm, 89 Kings Oak Place, Walnut Creek, CA 94596.
is hereby registered by the following owner:
Lawrence S. Hodson, 89 Kings Oak Place, Walnut Creek, CA 94596.
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on June 15, 1995.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on May 30, 1996.
The Journal June 27, July 4, 11, 18, 1996.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 96-3474
The Name of the Business:
Zha-Rue Records, 3535 El Portal Dr., #C102, El Sobrante, CA 94803.
is hereby registered by the following owner:
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 21000, El Sobrante, CA 94820-1000.
This business is conducted by a General Partnership.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on May 30, 1996.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on May 30, 1996.
The Journal June 27, July 4, 11, 18, 1996.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 96-3475
The Name of the Business:
Hawk Justice Productions, 3535 El Portal Dr., #C102, El Sobrante, CA 94803.
is hereby registered by the following owner:
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 21000, El Sobrante, CA 94820-1000.
This business is conducted by a General Partnership.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on May 30, 1996.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on May 30, 1996.
The Journal June 27, July 4, 11, 18, 1996.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 96-3603
The Name of the Business:
Meridian Trading, 1242 Fascination Circle, El Sobrante, CA 94803.
is hereby registered by the following owner:
Cheng Tan, 1242 Fascination Circle, El Sobrante, CA 94803.
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on June 13, 1996.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on June 13, 1996.
The Journal June 27, July 4, 11, 18, 1996.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 96-3622
The Name of the Business:
Well Endowed, 4 Ridge Lane, Orinda, CA 94563-1318.
is hereby registered by the following owner:
Delinda S. Torridge, 4 Ridge Lane, Orinda, CA 94563-1318.
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on June 13, 1996.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on June 13, 1996.
The Journal June 27, July 4, 11, 18, 1996.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 96-3678
The Name of the Business:
Gift Basket Express by Carika, 942 Via Montanas, Concord, CA 94518.
is hereby registered by the following owner:
Trenmarie Bent, 942 Via Montanas, Concord, CA 94518.
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on June 7, 1996.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on June 7, 1996.
The Journal June 27, July 4, 11, 18, 1996.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 96-3689
The Name of the Business:
Golf's Company, 2924 Cindy Ct., Concord, CA 94503.
is hereby registered by the following owner:
Jimmy Chen, 2924 Cindy Ct., Concord, CA 94503.
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on June 7, 1996.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on June 7, 1996.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 96-3691
The Name of the Business:
Backyard Florals, 25 Linda Vista, Orinda, CA 94563.

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CA 94563.
is hereby registered by the following owner:
Nancy Norris, 25 Linda Vista, Orinda, CA 94563.
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on June 11, 1996.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on June 11, 1996.
The Journal June 27, July 4, 11, 18, 25, 1996.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 96-3713
The Name of the Business:
Amazing Glaze, 2200 Hilltop Drive, Richmond, CA 94804.
is hereby registered by the following owner:
Richmond Art Center, Richmond, CA 94804.
This business is conducted by a Non-profit Corporation.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on June 10, 1996.
The Journal June 27, July 4, 11, 18, 25, 1996.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 96-3745
The Name of the Business:
Adoption Dimensions Consulting, 1811 Redwood Dr., P.O. Box 5206, Hercules, CA 94547.
is hereby registered by the following owner:
Norma J. Conner, 1811 Redwood Dr., P.O. Box 5206, Hercules, CA 94547.
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on June 11, 1996.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on June 11, 1996.
The Journal June 27, July 4, 11, 18, 25, 1996.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 96-3518
The Name of the Business:
The Training Department, 516 Kenmare Court, Pinole, CA 94564.
is hereby registered by the following owners:
Alicia Smith, 7065 Bodega Avenue, Petaluma, CA 94945.
David Jay Manriquez, 1240 Camino Coronado, Rohnert Park, CA 94928.
Cynthia D. Salinas, 516 Kenmare Court, Pinole, CA 94564.
This business is conducted by a General Partnership.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on September 1, 1996.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on June 17, 1996.
The Journal June 27, July 4, 11, 18, 25, 1996.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 96-4006
The Name of the Business:
Unique Designs by D & J, 824 Sonoma St., Richmond, CA 94805.
is hereby registered by the following owner:
Deborah L. Brooks, 824 Sonoma St., Richmond, CA 94805.
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on January 1, 1994.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on June 24, 1996.
The Journal June 27, July 4, 11, 18, 25, 1996.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 96-3887
The Name of the Business:
American Beauty Flowers & Gifts, 10596 San Pablo Ave., El Cerrito, CA 94530.
is hereby registered by the following owner:
Serawak (USA) Trading Inc., 10596 San Pablo Ave., El Cerrito, CA 94530.
This business is conducted by a Corporation.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on June 18, 1996.
The Journal June 27, July 4, 11, 18, 25, 1996.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 96-3783
The Name of the Business:
Mainsail Resources, 2 Mainsail Court, Richmond, CA 94804.
is hereby registered by the following owner:
Jose A. Tabuena, 2 Mainsail Court, Richmond, CA 94804.
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on June 1, 1996.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on June 12, 1996.
The Journal June 27, July 4, 11, 18, 25, 1996.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 96-3950
The Name of the Business:
K & S Trucking, 3164 Birmingham Dr., Apt. #3, Richmond, CA 94804.
is hereby registered by the following owner:
Kamjit Singh, 3164 Birmingham Dr., Apt. #3, Richmond, CA 94804.
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on June 20, 1996.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on June 20, 1996.
The Journal June 27, July 4, 11, 18, 25, 1996.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 96-3942
The Name of the Business:
The Vista Monterey Company, 957 Stow Lane, Lafayette, CA 94549.
is hereby registered by the following owners:
Westhill, Inc., California.
Andrew Morse Construction, Inc., California.
This business is conducted by a Joint Venture.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on June 20, 1996.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on June 20, 1996.
The Journal June 27, July 4, 11, 18, 25, 1996.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 96-3954
The Name of the Business:
F.A.C.T.S. Medical Associates, 2101 Vale Rd., #101, San Pablo, CA 94806.
is hereby registered by the following owners:
Jennifer G. Byrd, 3817 San Pablo Dam Rd., #510, El Sobrante, CA 94803.
Robert J. Hayden, 826 Church St., San Francisco, CA 94114.
This business is conducted by an Unincorporated Association - other than a Partnership.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on June 20, 1996.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on June 20, 1996.
The Journal June 27, July 4, 11, 18, 25, 1996.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 96-3685
The Name of the Business:
Essential Iron, 3701 Collins Ave., #5B, Richmond, CA 94806.
is hereby registered by the following owners:
Trevor L. Wentworth, 749 El Pelto, El Sobrante, CA 94803.
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on June 7, 1996.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on June 7, 1996.
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE: FCL No. 9361 On Thursday, August 1, 1996 at 9:00 AM of said day outside the Main Entrance to the public library, located at #2 Irwin Way, in the City of Orinda, in the County of Contra Costa, State of California, in the County of Contra Costa, State of California, and described as follows: Common Address: 2587 Sheldon Drive, Richmond, CA A.P.N. 431-133-019. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to satisfy the obligations secured by and pursuant to the Power of Sale conferred in a certain Deed of Trust executed by Lillian C. Salcido as Vendee, dated Sept. 20, 1990 and recorded April 21, 1992 as Document No. 92-96131 in the office of the Contra Costa County Recorder. At the time of the initial publication of this Notice the total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the above described Long Form Security (installment) Land Contract with Power of Sale and estimated Costs, Expenses, and Advances is \$30,503.06. YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A LONG FORM SECURITY (INSTALLMENT) LAND CONTRACT WITH POWER OF SALE DATED SEPT. 20, 1990. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. Dated: June 28, 1996 VERNON L. BRADLEY, as Trustee By: CALIFORNIA TRUST DEEDS, INC., as Agent. 125 12TH STREET, SUITE 300, OAKLAND, CA 94607-4912 (510) 462-3300 PR. HEND. LEBOWITZ, VICE PRESIDENT C246068 7/11, 7/18, 7/25, 1996

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• The elimination of parking within and alongside the school site will force out-of-town visitors to football games, which are held on Friday afternoons while the school employee lot would still be full, to park in the adjacent residential neighborhoods.

Therefore, the report's answers to questions a, b and f of the Transportation/Circulation

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File No. 96-3586
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 96-3940
The Name of the Business:
Sennin Foundation Center For Japanese Cultural Arts, 10323 San Pablo Ave., El Cerrito, CA 94530.
is hereby registered by the following owner:
Hugh Edward Devore, 6073 Arlington Blvd., Richmond, CA 94805.
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on June 20, 1996.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 96-3973
The Name of the Business:
Delta Cruise & Tours, 8425 Brentwood Blvd., #B2, Brentwood, CA 94513.
is hereby registered by the following owner:
Delta Travel Advisors, Inc., 8425 Brentwood Blvd., #B2, Brentwood, CA 94513.
This business is conducted by a Corporation.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 96-3598
The Name of the Business:
NOR-CAL Towing, 5568 Ohio Ct., Concord, CA 94521.
is hereby registered by the following owner:
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This business is conducted by a General Partnership.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 96-3924
The Name of the Business:
Rockets Prints, 1878 San Miguel Dr., Walnut Creek, CA 94596.
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section (p. 27), which asks whether there will be substantial additional vehicular movement, demand for new parking, or increase in traffic hazards, would be "yes" instead of "maybe."

Turning Spokane Avenue into a cul-de-sac by blocking the traffic may be justified to reduce the pedestrian hazard of the proposed Cougar Field access location. The parking problem would be easily and cheaply addressed if the cities of Albany and El Cerrito, and the management of El Cerrito Plaza, would cooperate by adding a gate on the west side of Cougar Field with steps down to the Plaza parking lot. This may also have the fringe benefit of making visitors increase patronage of Lucky and the other Plaza businesses (although the gate may have to be locked during normal school hours to dissuade students from sneaking out to the donut shop during P.E. class).

The article also should have mentioned that there is a meeting scheduled for Tuesday, July 9, 7:30 p.m. at Cornell School, for interested persons to voice their concerns and suggestions about the proposal and the report.

Gilbert Chan
El Cerrito

Make computers useful

Editor:

Lots of noise is going on about the Internet, and what a boon it supposedly is. Much has been made about computers in the high schools, to further and facilitate the education of our children. This may be all well and good, but simply putting computers in the school is only one step in the Internet process. The next step is a node for the Internet located at the high school and an Internet service provider connection for registered Albany voters.

It seems reasonable to me that operating an ISP node in Albany High School would be an excellent way of furthering the potential of computer educational services. The natural extension of this would be to have limited free access to the node through accounts in the the Albany Public Library (library card required), and following that, dial up from home privileges, for Albany voters. Doing this could actually earn the city and school system some money, by charging a modest (less than commercial) fee for the connect time.

Why put it in the high school? Well, seeing as how the high school is allegedly going to be handling cable-casting for the city in the form of meetings, student plays, and news and information, it just seems sensible to have the node as a complementary system. What the heck, there's gonna be a fusion between home computers and cable system delivery anyway, so let's give it a nudge here in Albany, where it can be controlled by the voters and not commercial interests.

Incidentally, I also believe that the card catalog of Albany High School should be included in the Albany Public Libraries' computerized card catalog system, particularly the reference section.

RB Wardell
Albany

A good turn out

Editor:

Please accept my sincere thanks for the excellent photograph of my flower garden you so kindly put in *The Journal*. Due to this beautiful photograph, more people are coming to enjoy these flowers than before. I am most grateful to you.

Sundar Shadi
El Cerrito

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It's all in the timing

Kidstuff: KCBS afternoon news anchor **Jan Black** called the other day to say she's taking three months of unpaid time off this summer — family leave. Black, wife of KGO chat host **Ronn Owens**, is the mother of two girls, ages 6 and 8. She explains, "I want to spend the summer with my daughters. It's time I'll never get back. They told me, 'We want time with you. We really miss you.'" How can a Mom say no to THAT?

I certainly applaud Black, who's always been a caring and devoted mother first, a solid broadcast pro second, as well as her bosses, KCBS news director **Ed Cavagnaro** and general manager **Frank Oxarart**, for letting one of their high-profile anchors take family time. "Ed and Frank were great," says Black.

Black, who'll return to the all-news station in September, has been away from daughters Laura and Sarah — both great kids — from 2 p.m. until she got off work at 7. And although her mornings were free to be with them, the girls were usually in school — until the summer.

Black says it'll be strange not working: "I've never been without a paycheck since my sophomore year in high school, when I started working at a radio station in my home town of Albuquerque. That is, except for the six months after I left KGO" following an unpleasant salary dispute in 1984. But with her husband, Owens pulling down well over 300K from his KGO Radio and KRON gigs, the pleasant Black can afford to take this kidbreak.

"It'll be nice to be able to fix dinner for the girls again," she says.

Meanwhile, something's in the oven over at Channel 5, where KPIX 5 o'clock anchor **Kate Kelly** announced on the air recently that she's expecting her second child. "**Tony Tantillo** told me to do it. I was beginning to show," says the newswoman.

Kelly and her vintner husband, **Tom Klein**, already have a son, Jack, who'll be 2 Saturday.

The newswoman says her second child is due Nov. 1.

But wait a minute — isn't that the start of November sweeps, the biggest ratings-survey month of the year? Couldn't she plan these family things like Black, and do them in the summer?

"I know it's a bad month, believe me," says Kelly with a weak smile. "When I broke the news to Harry (KPIX general manager **Harry Fuller**), he gave me that 'You-coulda-planned-this-a-little-better' look. But he was pretty understanding, especially after I promised him I'd be back from maternity leave in time for February sweeps."

Kelly adds, "After all, life has its own clock. This is just one ratings book, after all." And finally, over at KTVU, "Mornings on 2" co-news anchor **Tori Campbell** was holding her own bundle of joy, Andrew (age 1) up on camera — he said 'Bye-bye' — for "MO-2" viewers to see recently. I asked Campbell, who corrected an earlier item here that stated she was a born-again Christian ("but I DO attend church every Sunday"), why she brought her infant into work and onto the air.

"So that viewers could see he has red hair. I get tired of people saying that red isn't my natural color."

Anchor hair seems to be more important to many viewers than the nuts and bolts of news coverage. Just ask Campbell KTVU colleague **Elaine Corral**, who says she gets bags of mail every time she changes her 'do.'

Homeless TV Station: KGO Radio and TV were two days from literally being out on the street the other day when the station had to leave — one reporter says KGO was evicted, which KGO execs deny — its South Bay Bureau offices near San Jose's airport.

One rival TV reporter who's watched developments explains that KTVU, KPIX and KCBS and KQED-FM all had recently moved out of the offices they shared — only because KGO was getting ready to move into its own bureau at Town and Country Village, and the other stations didn't want to pay for KGO's large vacated office space. But when the new bureau's completion was delayed, KGO-TV and Radio were left behind — and were going to have to pay for the whole office at the airport location. That wasn't acceptable, either.

KTVU, KPIX et al returned to an office building near San Jose City Hall — the same one they (and KGO) had to abandon when it was damaged by the Loma Prieta quake.

Finally, on the day before KGO had to be out of the offices, exasperated KGO Radio news director **Ken Barry** called

■ New York Times Magazine Puzzle

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BY ROBERT H. WOLFE / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

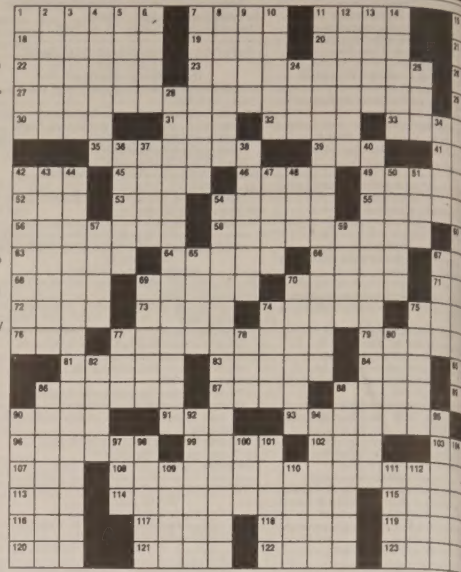
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on his South Bay reporter, **Gene Rusco**, for help. Rusco scrambled and found temporary quarters for KGO TV/Radio — in that same building that KTVU and KPIX had moved back to. Except now, unlike six years ago, all three TV stations are on different floors instead of sharing offices. And Channel 7 will be gone as soon as their new shopping-mall office opens. "Channel 7 likes to be near foot traffic and in a visible spot," says one reporter, "but in that sense, their Jack London Square East Bay bureau has been a bust."

The iffy KGO plans have driven logistics people at KPIX and KTVU batty for months; that's partly why those two stations moved back to downtown San Jose.

KGO-TV news director **Milt Weiss**, sources say, also doesn't

like the idea of the competitors sharing one press room. "He thinks we'll steal each other's stories," says one bemused newsmen. But one reporter defends Weiss' move, saying, "It does get a bit incestuous when we're all in there



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At any rate, don't blame just KGO for this latest show of non-cooperation. KPIX and KTVU were planning on sharing the same office in the retrofitted building in downtown San Jose.

But one KTVU exec says "KPIX wouldn't give us their three windows facing Hall to use in our camera room. So we moved to offices on another floor — with windows facing City Hall."

California Shakespeare Festival Offers the Best of the Bard

Theatre, whether amateur or professional, regional, or on or off Broadway, is a sure way to escape the slings and arrows of outrageous days. And this is especially true of the California Shakespeare Festival (CSF) which begins its 1996 performance schedule with previews on June 13th. This festival, an annual event, is held in the bucolic setting of the Bruns Memorial Amphitheatre which is located in the beautiful hills of the Sista Valley in Orinda.

The CSF season runs from June 13th through October 16th, and this season's production schedule of four plays contains something for everyone. THE MERRY WIVES OF WINDSOR, directed by Robert Kelley, will open the season followed by Henry V, directed by James Bundy. Twelfth Night directed by CSF's new Artistic Director, Joe Vincent, and, finally, Measure for Measure directed by

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